

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

I confess that I find Senator Wayne Morse's low boiling point mildly amusing. He can run a temperature on political questions faster than most any man in public life. To him political colorations are always very distinct: vivid white or dark black, rarely a grey or a cream tinting on any issue. He races from crisis to crisis, "making all the fires." No missionary of the cross ever was consumed with greater zeal. He is a no. one alarmist, seeing in routine development in politics an undermining of "basic" foundations of the republic.

The junior senator (by publicity measure the senior senator) spent a week in Oregon and gave a round of speeches full of warnings and adjurations on the dangerous state of the nation. Warning no. one was on the archaic rules of the senate, such as the two-thirds vote requirement to invoke cloture and suppress filibusters like the one just waged against FEPC. This rule, says Morse, threatens government by the majority which is "basic" in a democracy. So Senator Morse essays the role of St. George with banner and sword to slay the dragon.

The rules are archaic to be sure; and the filibuster is a sad reflection on the ability of the senate to govern itself. But the filibuster has not been the resort only of sinful reactionaries. Others like Bob LaFollette, sr., have employed it. In fact we can conceive of situations in which Senator Morse himself would feel constrained to talk

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## Memorial Pool To Be Voted on At Woodburn

WOODBURN, Feb. 18.—(Special)—A proposal to bond the city for \$25,000 to acquire a site and build a swimming pool as a memorial to Woodburn men who died in World War II, will be submitted to a vote March 12.

Location would be decided in a labor vote, probably in connection with the primary election, May 17.

Plans for a city wide school poster contest to help advertise the election were announced today by Pat McLaughlin, chairman of the chamber of commerce. Three prizes will be given in each of the four schools. Woodburn high, Washington junior high, Lincoln grade school and St. Benedict's parochial school.

The poster contest will end February 27. Entries will be judged by Mrs. L. S. Mochel, Mrs. Mabel Grass and Miles Austin. All posters must carry the same wording, "Vote March 12 for Woodburn War Memorial Swimming Pool." Individuality will be permitted in other details of the posters.

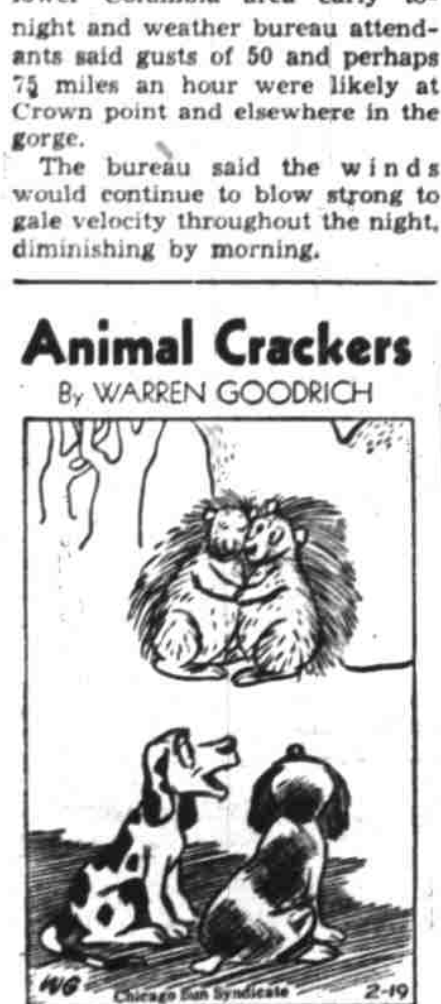
## Strong Easterly Winds Raging on Lower Columbia

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Strong easterly winds of 20 to 30 miles an hour whipped the lower Columbia area early tonight and weather bureau attendants said gusts of 50 and perhaps 75 miles an hour were likely at Crown point and elsewhere in the gorge.

The bureau said the winds would continue to blow strong to gale velocity throughout the night, diminishing by morning.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"That HAS to be love to snuggle that close."

## Control Of Rents Studied

### Separator Firm Head Indicates Change in Plans

By Isabel Childs  
City Editor The Statesman

Salem city council Monday night postponed action on a proposed zone change in northeast Salem and as a result a representative of Cascades Plywood corporation indicated his company would seek a site elsewhere for the half-million dollar battery separator plant it proposed to erect on the Keith Brown industrial sites there.

The move to delay action on zoning climaxed a session which saw the council act affirmatively on a proposal to call a city-wide vote on the proposal to alter the city's form of government and hire an administrator. It also went on record favoring a survey to determine whether federal rent control should be invoked.

**Other Sites Considered**

Charles W. Fox, vice president in charge of production for the Cascades Plywood corporation which operates a plywood factory at Lebanon, said at the close of the two-hour council session that his firm had made commitments to deliver separators on a specified date and could not "indefinitely put off" erecting the plant in which to manufacture them.

Two other sites, neither of them in Salem, have received some consideration and apparently are next in line for the development, he said, although he assured Chamber of Commerce Manager Clay Cochran that he would be willing to investigate any suggested "standby" site in Salem or the Salem area to be grabbed up at once if the council should deny the zone change application two weeks hence. Fox said the plant would employ 160 persons.

**Vote Likely May 17**

Initial steps which may lead to a new form of city government for Salem were taken when the council, without discussion, accepted a report of its special committee on the subject, and heard the first two readings of ordinances placing a charter amendment before the voters at a special May 17 election.

The proposed charter change would eliminate all elective offices except those of seven councilmen (one to be a presiding officer, or "mayor") elected from the city at large. Under it, the council would select certain key employees, including an administrator who would name and be responsible for others, including chiefs of police and fire departments.

Still a third ordinance bill introduced Monday night would remove heads of police and fire departments from civil service and eliminate current requirements that they must be selected from the ranks.

## Rent Control Studied

Federal agency investigation to determine the "feasibility" of federal rent control for Salem was asked by the council.

The resolution was passed without a dissenting vote, although Alderman David O'Hara declared he thought OPA controls would work a hardship on "thousands of Salem citizens who haven't been gouging" renters, that OPA rent measures couldn't come to Salem because they were established for "defense plant areas," and that anyhow OPA is due to die in June. (Other council news page 2).

## TRUMAN, DOUGLAS LUNCH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—President Truman had lunch today with Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the United States supreme court, one of the men mentioned as a possible nominee for interior secretary.

## Farmers' Union Cooperative Authorizes West Salem Store

HILLSBORO, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Members of the state Farmers Union Cooperative association today authorized spending \$50,000 to develop a store and warehouse on a West Salem tract purchased by the group last fall.

Some 150 members representing six mid-Willamette valley counties attended the annual business meeting of the cooperative group today as delegates gathered for the statewide Farmers' Union convention opening here tomorrow and continuing through Thursday.

The cooperative members re-elected Chester C. Wohler, Hillsboro, to the board of directors and elected G. A. Landon, Woodburn, to succeed A. C. Heyman, Albany, as director. Later the board, including hold-over directors Frank Farmer of Dallas, Henry Torvend of Salem and Alvin Smith of Newberg, met and re-elected Wohler chairman.

Mayor E. A. Griffith of Hillsboro and Henry Johnson, presi-

## Pope at Secret Consistory



VATICAN CITY, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Pope Pius XII (second from right) approaches Consistory Hall at the Vatican today to attend the secret consistory of the Sacred College of Cardinals, during which 32 prelates were elevated to the college. Left to right: Msgr. Enrico Dante, carrying Pontiff's allocation declaring the designation of the new princes of the church; Msgr. Frederico Callori Di Vignale, attendant; Pope Pius, and Msgr. Diego Venini, attendant. This is an exclusive photo by Frank Noel, Associated Press staff photographer. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Rome to The Oregon Statesman)

## Catholic Church Creates 32 Cardinals at History-making Consistory In Vatican City

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The Roman Catholic church today created 32 new cardinals, the largest and most cosmopolitan group ever raised to the purple in 900 years of church history.

The new cardinals, representing six continents, were created at a history-making secret consistory. They included four from the United States.

The world-wide character of the list lent sharp point to the words of the Pope:

"The universality of the church is brought under a new light, since the church does not belong to one race, to one people, to one nation, but to all peoples of the human family."

At each place where notifications were made, the dean of the group expressed gratitude for the honor which the pope had conferred upon them. Cardinal Glennon, at 83 the oldest in the United States group, spoke for Samuel Cardinal Stritch of Chicago, Edward Cardinal Mooney of Detroit and Cardinal Spellman of New York.

While a group of about 400 persons including many American soldiers listened, the tall, gray-haired St. Louis prelate spoke out for a militant church, saying "we are soldiers of the king and will march forever under the cross."

## American Flag Torn From Pole, Burned In India

BOMBAY, Tuesday, Feb. 18.—(AP)—A mob of Indians, including a number wearing the uniform of the Royal Indian navy, tore the United States flag from the U.S. information service office here today and burned the flag in the street.

Walter D. Shackleton, in charge of the office, said he was awaiting instructions concerning filing an official protest to the Indian and British governments.

Shackleton said an unidentified American sergeant, who had a jeep parked near the U.S.I.S. headquarters, was hit on the shoulder with a shovel and clubs.

## Flowers Commemorate Iwo Jima Anniversary

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 18.—(AP)—One year after the marine corps attacked Iwo Jima in one of the bloodiest battles in its history, a naval air transport plane will sprinkle blossoms tomorrow over the white crosses that lie in the chill shadow of barren Mount Suribachi.

## Bowles Says 'Essentials' Can Be Held at Present Price Top

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Chester Bowles assured the nation today that under President Truman's new wage-price policy the prices of the three essentials of life—food, shelter and clothing—can be held at about their present levels.

But he solemnly warned that cooperation of the entire nation is necessary—that the inflation boiler is dangerously near the explosion point, "with our entire economic future at stake."

Zenas L. Potter, advisor to Bowles, told the committee OPA believes "that all controls but rents can be eliminated next year."

Bowles climbed Capitol Hill to appeal to congress for a continuation of price controls, which are due to expire June 30.

"The lobbyists and the profiteers are hicking their chops," he declared. "It is going to take firm and decisive action—it is going to take teamwork and support on every hand—if we are to hold this country on an even keel."

But, appearing for the first time in his new role as designated economic stabilizer, Bowles told the house banking committee Mr. Truman's new wage-price policy is "a program that will work" and will turn back the inflation pressures.

Bowles called upon congress to "stop the inflation in the real estate market," as a necessary step if the new homes-for-veterans program is to succeed. He asked for continuation of food subsidies.

## Yakima Requests Removal of 'Duds'

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Dr. W. H. Banks, Yakima county coroner, said today he would send a letter to the commandant of the Pasco naval air station asking that the dud bombs dropped outside the military range in this vicinity be removed. The action was taken after Elmer Lee Adams, 30-year-old Zillah farm hand, was killed yesterday when he exploded a dud bomb with a rifle shot while rabbit hunting near here.

## Official Linked With Espionage

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—(AP)—One of the men arrested in the Canadian government's investigation into the leakage of secret and confidential information held a rank "very close" to deputy minister, it was learned tonight.

## Threaten Phone Walkout

### Union Calls for Accord or Else; Steelmen Return

By the Associated Press

The steel strike was officially over for 380,000 men today, cutting the total of idle in labor disputes to 1,050,000, but a nationwide telephone strike threatened.

Major labor developments:

**Steel**—Workers trickle back to nation's largest steel plants as furnaces are steadied for resumption of normal production; smaller steelmakers conferring with CIO United Steelworkers union.

**Telephones**—Nation-wide strike of long distance telephone operators threatens if local strike of Philadelphia telephone workers not settled within 24 hours; executive board of national federation of telephone workers recommends general strike for 260,000 telephone employees.

**Automobiles**—James F. Dewey, federal conciliator in 91-day General Motors-CIO United Auto Workers dispute, reports "some progress" on union security clause; conferences continue today.

**Transit**—Acting Mayor of Lancaster, Pa., declares state of emergency as 12,000 AFL members strike in sympathy with a walkout of 220 AFL bus and trolley workers.

**Shipbuilding**—Shipbuilding wage stabilization conference approves 18-cent hourly increase for 650,000 workers in nation's shipbuilding industry, retroactive to last December 4.

**Farm Machinery**—Federal fact finding board recommends 18-cent hourly wage increase for 30,000 striking CIO workers at International Harvester.

## OPA to Study Milk Records

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Andrew W. Trice, district OPA price executive, met with milk producers today to select producers whose records should be studied in connection with a request for higher milk prices.

Area milk producers have indicated they are willing to wait for the OPA survey, Trice said. Earlier, the dairymen indicated they would divert much fluid milk to other uses unless the price on bottled milk was raised by Feb. 28.

## Postoffice, Banks To Close Friday

Salem postoffice will observe Friday, February 22, George Washington's birthday as a holiday this year. Postmaster Al Gragg has announced. All departments will be closed.

February 22 is a non-judicial day in Oregon and all state, city and county offices and the banks will be closed. It is not a school holiday.

## Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	50	30	90
Eugene	47	34	00
Portland	47	30	00
Seattle	50	30	00
San Francisco	59	42	00

Willamette river: 27 ft.  
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy today, with occasional light rains. Highest today 61 degrees.

## Seek Annexation

A petition for annexation to Salem of the area lying directly south of the city limits, east of Commercial and west of Summer street was presented to the Salem city council Monday night.

## Naval Officer Charges Code Revelation Knocks 'Props' From Security

### Appointee For RFC Approved

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The senate confirmed George E. Allen today for a director of the RFC, after some bitter political wrangling that involved financial dealings of two other Truman appointees, Edwin W. Pauley and James K. Vardaman.

The shouting in committees over the latter two nominations—Pauley for undersecretary of the navy and Vardaman for a 14-year term on the federal reserve board of governors—spilled over onto the senate floor.

In the debate there on the selection of Allen, presidential intimates, for the reconstruction finance corporation post, Senator Taft (R-Ohio) took the floor to complain that the three appointments "have excited the indignation of the people of this country."

Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky and Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) rallied to the defense, with Lucas asserting that "these days people are being indicted by suspicion."

**Confirm 2 Others**

The senate also confirmed the nominations of W. John Kenney as assistant secretary of the navy and Horace Chapman Rose as director of contract settlement. And it received the nomination of Paul A. Porter, now chairman of the federal communications commission, to be price administrator succeeding Chester Bowles.

Before acting on Allen, the senate passed an appropriations bill from which funds for a White House addition wanted by President Truman were stricken.

The brightest fireworks in committee came in the naval group hearing on the appointment of Pauley, California oil man and former treasurer of the democratic party, for the navy post.

**Radio Man Testifies**

There John L. Akerman, Chicago salesman for a radio chain, testified that Pauley turned over to him more than \$25,000 in cash for a 1939 California referendum campaign against the repeal of a state oil conservation law.

Pauley has told the committee he worked against repeal of the law, but said he had no knowledge of having contributed personally to the campaign fund.

Commodore Vardaman, President Truman's naval aide, testified before a banking subcommittee that he had been "completely exonerated" of charges of "misappropriation of funds" from the Vardaman Shoe company of St. Louis, Mo.

## Oregon Civilian Population Goes Up 9.7 Per Cent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Population of Pacific coast states jumped between the 1940 and 1945, the bureau of census announced today, estimating increases of 10.7 per cent for Oregon, 20.3 for Washington and 27.7 for California, including servicemen.

Civilian population alone jumped 18.4 per cent in California, 12.8 in Washington and 9.7 in Oregon.

The bureau estimated Washington's total in 1945 at 2,088,574, Oregon's 1,206,322 and California's 8,882,688. Civilian figures were 1,953,725, Washington, 1,193,702 Oregon and 8,120,105 California.

Oregon's estimated natural increase was 51,192; net loss to armed forces, 112,186; net gain through civilian migration, 166,320.

Idaho showed a 12.4 decrease in civilian population.

## Giles French Files; to Seek Speakership

Giles L. French (r), of Moro, veteran state legislator, will seek the speakership of the 1947 state house of representatives, he announced Monday in filing for nomination at the May primaries.

French, who serves with Speaker Eugene Marsh on the current tax study interim committee, already has been given a considerable number of commitments, his friends said. He represents Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler counties (22nd district).

Earle Johnson (r), Corvallis, Monday filed for state representative legislature from the 11th district, Benton county.

Other filings Monday:

Anna M. Ellis (r), Garibaldi, for state representative, 3rd district, Tillamook county.

Fred McHenry (r), Corvallis, for district attorney of Benton county.

C. C. Proebstel, Pendleton, republican, for district attorney of Umatilla county.

## Army Sent to Get Japs Terrorizing Filipino Farmers

MANILA, Tuesday, Feb. 18.—(AP)—An entire Philippine army regiment was dispatched to Lubang island off the mouth of Manila bay today to suppress an unsundered Japanese garrison which was reported terrorizing Filipino villagers. Numerous killings of Filipino farmers and pillaging of villages has been reported.

## Coast Promised Consideration in Wheat Slashing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The Pacific northwest will not be forgotten when the agriculture department draws up regulations on President Truman's plan to slash wheat supplies used for livestock feed, Senator Cordon (R-Ore) was advised today.

He had informed the department that Washington and Oregon use wheat as basic feed, like the midwest uses corn. He said the proposed 50 per cent cut in this use of the grain would be hard on livestock and poultry growers.

## Rural Voters Defeat School Consolidation

PRINGLE, Feb. 18.—(Special)—The consolidation of the Pringle and Pleasant Point school districts was defeated at the elections in the two districts tonight. Unofficial returns showed Pringle supported the consolidation and Pleasant Point opposed it. Valuation of the Pleasant Point district was \$165,499 and Pringle \$303,420, according to the latest census.

## Oregon Tax Changes Proposed

A variety of changes in Oregon's tax structure, with particular emphasis on laws that would perpetuate industries already in operation in this area and encourage the establishment of new ones, was proposed Monday by a group of industrialists who appeared before the tax study commission of the 1945 legislature.

Recommendations of the commission will be filed in advance of the 1947 legislature. The industrialists emphasized that they were willing to pay their just share of the tax burden but contended that there are certain inequalities which should be corrected.

Lengthy presentation was made by Chester K. Sterrett, manager of the industries department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

**Changes Proposed**

Included among suggestions were: Limitation of the millage which real property is taxed; changes in the method of inventory valuation and personal property taxation; changes and possible reduction of the excise tax on corporation; exploration of the relative burden of taxation in Oregon of a corporation and an individual proprietorship; study of a community property law; revision of the state's personal income tax.

Sterrett said the state of Washington has a 40 mill limitation law which he said apparently had applied to manufacturers in search of a location for their operations. A bad feature of the excise tax on corporations, Sterrett said, is that a national manufacturer, figuring on a location in Oregon, is confronted with the question of how to figure the net income that applies to the Oregon operation.

The corporate excise tax, at its existing rate, was declared too high by Carl T. Pelo, treasurer of the Rogers Canning company, Milton. He said a sales tax appeared the most equitable in providing new funds.

## Silence on War Plan Assailed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—A naval intelligence officer said tonight that disclosure of America's code-breaking secrets in the Pearl Harbor investigation has "knocked the props" from a pillar of national security.

Capt. Edwin T. Layton gave that as his opinion in response to a question from Senator Lucas (D-Ill.) at hearings of the senate-house committee investigating Japan's Dec. 7, 1941, attack.

**Code Helped End War**

If another war comes, he said, this country "will not be in the shape" it was as a result of the "breaking" of the codes.

And if the codes had not been broken, Layton declared, "the war would still be going on."

Earlier, Layton had told the committee that the Pearl Harbor story would have been "entirely different" if Washington had sent Hawaii copies of its decoded Japanese messages. He said he was "outraged and astonished" when he learned nearly two years after the Dec. 7, 1941, attack that "we had been shortchanged" on information.

Before Layton testified, the committee heard Senator Thomas C. Har' (R-Conn.) relate that as commander of the Asiatic fleet he dispersed his ships for security reasons as the war threat developed.

**Stayed by Subterfuge**

About 10 days before Japan opened hostilities, Har' said, he even sent some ships to Netherlands East Indies ports "ostensibly to get oil."

With a grin, he hold how he informed Dutch Admiral Helfrich that the ships would have difficulty taking on oil and might be around for some time.