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Washington, D. C., April 20, 1945.—This afternoon the proponents of S. 555, the Murray M.V.A. bill, completed their appearances before the sub-committee of the senate commerce committee. Next week those opposed to the measure will be heard. Under the plan of procedure directed by the senate the sub-committee will report to the full committee, the latter will report to the senate and immediately the bill will go to the committee on irrigation for a 60-day period during which it will hear witnesses for and against the bill as it bears on irrigation in the Missouri valley region. Finally the committee on agriculture will take the bill for 60 days.

Although these initial hearings were for the proponents of the Murray bill neither the Montana senator nor his associates can take much, if any, satisfaction out of the happenings of the week. Witness after witness, appearing as a proponent, either criticized the bill as inadequate and unsound or insisted that its enactment would be a step backward. Chief among the "proponents" opposing on the former grounds were Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes and representatives of the Bureau of Reclamation. Major General Eugene L. Reybold, chief of engineers, asserted the latter. As to those who did favor the bill the sub-committee itself, headed by Senator John H. Overton, of Louisiana, made clear its opposition. Thus, between the "proponents," who actually were opponents, and the committee members, who by polite questioning developed the weak nesses in the case of the true proponents, the hearings reached the end of this first stage with little of a favorable nature on the record. In the next stage, opening on Monday, the opponents ought to have an easy time.

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Those who were true supporters of S. 555 urged that the conditions causing the destructive floods from which residents of the lower Missouri and the Mississippi suffer should be ended. They argued that a Missouri valley authority was needed to do the job. Few, if any, of these witnesses were familiar with the provisions of the flood control act of 1944 and the rivers and harbors act of 1945 containing, in the coordinated Pick and Sloan plans, a complete program for flood control, reclamation and incidental power. To them the committee pointed out that the program had been prepared, had received congressional authorization and wanted only the end of the war and the making of appropriations to be carried forward in full detail.

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Another argument, presented frankly as a matter of self-interest rather than of region development, was that an M.V.A. program would mean the employment of large numbers of electrical workers. Here again the committee pointed to the plan already approved and Here again the committee pointed to the plan already approved and drew from the witness, an A. F. of L. electrical union officer, the reluctant admission that he knew of no possible power project developments beyond those proposed that could be undertaken to create any larger employment volume.

Farmers Union representatives urged power development as a means of providing the public with a larger supply of electricity at lower rates.

Secretary Ickes was one of the more severe critics of S. 555, which would vest the managing power of the authority in a board of three responsible to the president. At the same time he indorsed the authority idea presenting a proposed bill prepared in his department under which all authority control would be in the hands of single administrators reporting to the secretary of the interior. Ickes wanted the whole country divided into regions under the management of the interior department. The succeptions and the little of the interior of the interior department. interior department. The suggestion made trouble for the Reclama-tion Bureau commissioner when asked whether it would mean that the interior department authority would then extend over the

tion Bureau commissioner when asked whether it would mean that the inferior department authority would then extend over the whole nation.

The asserted success of the T.V.A. was cited by various witnesses as argument for the M.V.A. Secretary Ickes pointed, however, to the fact that T.V.A. had by no means resulted in coordination and harmony in administration and, also, to the vast differences between the two regions. Commissioner Bashore, claborating on the latter point, called attention to the different water law of the two regions and to the many western differences form the T.V.A. growing out of the western public land situation.

General Reybold, the last witness, made the flat statement that the enactment of S. 555 would be a step backward in flood control.

The Missouri valley as a region is a long way from the Columbia river valley. Much the same argument is being made, however, in favor of the Mitchell bill (S. 460) for a Columbia valley authority as is being made in favor of S. 555, the M.V.A. The developments in these M.V.A. hearings are, accordingly, of interest in the region covered by S. 460. With only slight changes the same sub-committee that is hearing the Murray billivill hear the Mitchell bill. Senator Cordon will take Senator Burton's place and Senator Magnuson will stream that is hearing the Murray billivill hear the Mitchell bill. Senator Serve Instead of one of the Democratic members.

To this observer there seems only one important difference between the M.V.A. and the C.V.A. situation, As to the Missouri the Missouri Bonneville and Grand Couler are operating and with a diminishing demand as war work taped to the Missouri Bonneville and Grand Couler are operating and with a diminishing demand as war work taped to the Missouri Bonneville and Grand Couler and the general instructions contained in the new flood control and is far arbade of the Missouri Bonneville and Grand Couler and the general instructions contained in the new flood control and is far arbade of the Missouri Bonneville and

Bend's Yesterdays

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

republican ticket.
The public is invited to a de-

Portland on business.
Telbot Hannigan and Mrs. Gladys Clark obtain a marriage

Dr. F. G. Schmidt Dead in Eugene

Eugene, Ore., April 26 dr —
Funeral services will be conducted Friday here for Dr. Friedrich G. G. Schmidt, professor emeritus of Germanic languages ka, frogs from Angentina to U. S.

at his Eugene home after a long lean black fly.

L. L. Fox announces his candidacy for county treasurer on the From Presbytery

The public is invited to a debate between speakers for the Four Ls and the International Timberworkers union, at which time Mayor J. A. Eastes will preside.

W. C. Birdsall of Bend receives a letter from Master Fish Warden Clanton that he plans to visit the Tumalo fish hatchery.

J. S. McCarrney of Tumalo spends the day in Bend.

L. J. Barber of Alfalfa, comes to Bend to transact business.

E. J. Catlow of the Owl pharmacy returns to Bend after going to Portland on business.

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Central Oregon.

SMOKE CAUSES ALARM Smoke billowing from a fuel hopper in the basement of the O'Donnell building on Wall street, this morning caused calling out of the fire department. Firemen adjusted the furnace, and reported no damage resulted.

and literature at the University of Oregon.

Dr. Schmidt, who died Tuesday

Cuba to Mexico to kill the Mexic



When I saw the inside of the American House I felt a little cheated. The carpets were red and green, to be sure, but their roses had been worn almost beyond recognition, and, although ornate, the wicker suite in the parlor was too hard to suggest caseful livthe wicker suite in the parlor was too hard to suggest easeful liv-ing. The tin tub fell short of my ing. The tin tub fell short of my expectations—I had expected a kind of Roman bath—and the sign CAUTION above the faucets belied stories of extravagance. The dumb-waiter, which I had pictured as a kind of agile automaton, proved to be no more than a crude framework (topped by an enormous knot), which moved with creaks and tremors.

Still there was the furnace a

Still there was the furnace, a great black monster, sending out long tentacles into the darkness of the cellar. There was hot water—in season. There were two telephones, one for local calls, the other for long distance. And there was the electric bell. You had only to press a button in any of the upper rooms and a gilt arrow moved unsteadily in a glass-cov-ered case in the office. The mech-anism was out of adjustment, and no one downstairs could be sure what room was calling, but the

buzz was impressive.
Otherwise the place was undis-tinguished. The kitchen was in the basement of the old house. Its concrete floor and gray sheathing gave it a moist, tasteless look. It held a huge, square stove with a rusted top, bearing a copper tank, grown green like boats below the waterline; a table covered with oilcloth that looked as though it had been scaled; a row for pots and a rack for knives and cleav-ers; a high milk closet, screened with mosquito netting; a large pump with a long, perpendicular handle, which filled the tank in the attic; and a sink, also rusted, with a shelf above it where a row of lamps stood.

At the head of the kitchen stairs was the serving room, once half of the whole first floor. On the back, two windows looked out over the yard; on the side, two high ones over the Landing; and on the front the two that had faced the village were now paint-ed gray, like the walls. Between them were shelves stacked with them were shelves stacked with

A swinging door opened into the dining room—not too easy because of the uneven meeting of the floors. Here in each corner was a table set for six and in the center a larger one, which we came to know as the Transient

with stiff, varnished furniture, primly placed.

illness, retired from active duty at the university in 1939 after 42 years as head of the department. He is survived by no known relational training and a bureau with a swinging mirror—all highly variable. a swinging mirror—all highly var-nished. The floors were covered with straw matting, and the walls were papered with brown "oat-meal." The rooms were fairly large, but they differed in con-tour, for those on the back of the



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back; one, painted over like those in the serving room, facing the hall; and three on the side. Of these, two were so high that you had to stand on tiptoe to see out, and the third was a porthole. We drew lots for the walls, but

we divided the closet less peace-fully. It was a very small closet, well cut into by the chimney. There were 12 hooks in it, and a nail.
"I shall have the nail," Sue said.

'I'm the oldest. That started us off.
"How old you are doesn't have anything to do with it," Julia in-

isted.
I backed her up noisily.
"Girls, girls," my mother calld, "No quarreling! You'll just

have to manage somehow. It's only for a little while, anyway." Poor Mama! She really believed it (To Be Continued)

Washington Column

By Peter Edson (NEA Staff Correspondent) Washington, D. C. — With the whole world wondering what kind of president Harry Truman will make, this is the estimate of the man's measure as given by people who have worked with him

They admit frankly that Tru-man will have to be a great presi-dent to be considered even good, but that is more of a reflection on the time than on the man.

Comparisons always being odious, it is perhaps impossible to try to stack up Truman beside Roosevelt. They are two entirely different types of men. There are millions of men like Truman. There was only one Roosevelt them were shelves stacked with heavy, white dishes—plates, cups. There was only one Roosevelt. nappies, butter chips tiered up like silver dollars.... But Roosevelt had his weaknesses and Truman has his strong points which Roosevelt did not have. Truman's admirers say these characteristics might even give their man the capacity as well as the opportunity to be a better

White House!" which was a nat-ural enough reflex reaction when the shock of Roosevelt's death was first felt, is therefore said to was first left, is therefore said to be entirely a false alarm by the people who know Truman's Wash-ington record and should there-fore be in a position to judge his canabilities. capabilities.

capabilities.

This is admittedly a prejudiced appraisal. But at the time when all eyes are on the man from Missouri, wanting him to succeed, realizing he must succeed, anxious to give him every encouragement in assuming the world's greatest responsibility, this is the only fair appraisal to give Truman the chance that he deserves: There is no question of Tru-

There is no question of Tru-man's honesty or sincerity. He works hard. That, plus a large-share of good luck, have put him where he is today.

In carrying out the work of the Truman committee he did not hee.

Fruman committee he did not hes truman committee he did not hes-itate to move in against sacred cows — business or political. On his carpet were called U. S. Steel, Curtiss-Wright and Alcoa, Basic Magnesium. He flayed the army on Canol and the navy on its in-itial landing craft bungles.

On post-war domestic issues it can be claimed that Truman is far better grounded than Roosevelt was because Truman had the time to study these issues while Roosevelt was preoccupied with the war and international affairs. The Truman committee's third annual report, issued in 1944, is now pointed to as one of the first.

annual report, issued in 1944, is now pointed to as one of the first analyses on the problems of re-conversion.

While his dominating interest with the senate war investiga-tions were production, supply and the maintenance of a sound na-tional georgency on the bear front tional economy on the home front, Truman was also a member of the senate committee on military the senate committee on muttary affairs. That gave him the opportunity to follow closely the planning and strategy. So he does not go to the White House a novice on military matters and besides, the war is going to be won no matter who is President.

Bend City Parks Caretaker Named

Frank Warren, a native of Germany who came to this country 49 years ago and studied botany and horticulture because of his health, today assumed the duties of custodian of Bend's city parks Warren is a recent arrivel in Bend from Salt Lake City, Utah. He spent the day in visiting the parks with City Manager C. G. Reiter.

Warren said that he launched upon a career as a mechanica engineer, but was advised by his physician to take work in the out-of-doors. Accordingly he studied for two years under Prof. chief executive than Roosevelt for the job ahead.

The political election campaign alarm of "Think of Truman in the"

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