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## WEST AND ROOSEVELT

The battle begun by ex-Governor Oswald West and carried on by citizens of Yachats to prevent the removal of sand from the beach near that coast community has been won. The victory came not from a revocation of the license to use the sand granted by the highway commission. It was the force of public opinion that did the job. While the commission was standing pat the contractor to whom the license had been given was feeling the heat and finally, the other day, he told the people of Yachats that he would take no sand from the beach.

In reporting this fact here and congratulating "O" West on his achievement we take the opportunity of printing in this column something that Theodore Roosevelt wrote about our former governor many years ago. In his column in the old "Outlook" magazine in September, 1911 Roosevelt said this:

In Governor West, of Oregon, I found a man more intelligently alive to the beauty of nature and of harmless wild life, more eagerly desirous to avoid the wanton and brutal defacement and destruction of wild nature, and more keenly appreciative of how much this natural beauty should mean to civilized mankind, than almost any other man I have ever met holding high political position. \* \* \* He desires to preserve for all time our natural resources, the woods, the water, the soil, which a selfish and short sighted greed seeks to exploit in such a fashion as to ruin them, and thereby to leave our children and our children's children heirs only to an exhausted and impoverished inheritance; he desires also to preserve, for sheer love of their beauty and interest, the wild creatures of woodland and mountain, of marsh and lake and seacoast; and while he puts the economic need first, the need of permanently bettering the material well-being of our people being the foundation purpose of the movement, he also puts in prominent position the desirability of adding to our stock of popular pleasure and interest the inexhaustible delight that comes from knowing and loving, in and for itself, the wealth of beauty in bird and tree and blossom. The lack of power to take joy in outdoor nature is as real a misfortune as the lack of power to take joy in books.

We wish there were more Oregonians of whom there could be said today those wise and understanding things that Theodore Roosevelt said of Oswald West back in 1911.

The Deschutes county court is to be commended for its action in requiring testing of herds for both tuberculosis and Bangs disease. Central Oregon's record for maintaining healthy cattle is an enviable one and should be continued. The cost, especially when it is now and then found necessary to destroy infected animals, may be high, but there are dividends over the years for those engaged in dairying and in beef production and health for the humans whose food is drawn from these sources.

Secretary Krug opposes the elimination of federal supervision of Alaskan natives and has written a senate subcommittee considering the subject that unless the natives are protected in their occupancy and use of these ancestral areas and are permitted to establish their local governments the virtual destruction of these people is almost sure to result. Wonder what he thinks about the Oregon natives and their use of ancestral areas assured them (so they thought) by formal treaty.

Control measures, we read, are to be undertaken against starlings which have made their appearance in Jefferson county. It is well that the winged visitors have been promptly identified. They can quickly become a serious nuisance, in rural areas and in cities alike, and an actual menace where crops are concerned. Control is good. It should be started without delay. If it can be pushed to the point of extermination, so much the better.

The eastern physician who thinks that he has a means by which chlorophyll can be used to pep up the old folks will be suggesting a new phrase to describe the results of the discovery. "Feeling his greens" will be the idea instead of "Feeling his oats."

## The Washington Scene

By Harman W. Nichols  
 (United Press Staff Correspondent)  
 Washington, March 5 (UP)—It was 10:30 in the morning, an hour and a half before the house of representatives would be rapped to order.

Down on the floor, a couple dozen kids were playing congress man. One boy, with flaming red hair and a faceful of freckles, sat with his feet draped over the seat in front of him. He thumbed his vest and blew a billow toward the ceiling.

"Now you take the Marshall plan," he said with that worldly look. "We got to take care of those folks over there. What do you want to see, Charles? World War III? You'd be ripe for it. Cannon fodder."

"Oh, I don't know," his companion argued. "We ought to do first things first and take care of our own people. This is an election year, you know, Red."

Other groups of boys were bunched elsewhere about the house floor taking the world apart and putting it back together again with small talk.

A front page story that ice cream is being high-priced off the market in Washington got a rough going over, and so did the question of rent control. Likewise the coming political campaigns.

The pencils on the house speaker's desk were lined up, the place was spick and span and the big shots weren't home. It was time for a little fun. In short, the page boys' pre-session hoe down was under way, as it is about that time every day.

Fifty of the kids, each with the blessing and recommendation of a congressman, make up the most exclusive office boy's club in the world.

They range in age from 16 to 19. And their take-home pay, after taxes, is \$196 a month. They have to pay for their uniforms—dark blue serge suits, with black shoes and ties, which they are wearing in the 80th session for the first time.

They used to show up in any old thing. Then one day, one of the western kids appeared wearing a bright red jacket, looking like a cow poke. He caused quite a commotion. The house had hearings and heard that some of the 18-year-old boys looked too much like freshmen congressmen for comfort. For the comfort of freshmen congressmen, that is. So a law was passed, Uniforms.

Many of the boys who fill the ink wells and run the errands, incidentally, have political ambitions themselves. Across the years, a lot of their predecessors in page boy jobs have grown up to be congressmen.

So it is not surprising that one of the most popular courses in the page boys' private school is government, with the professor dipping into questions of politics and politicians.

The youngsters start their classes at 6:30 in the morning and

## Washington Column

By Peter Edson  
 (NEA Washington Correspondent)

Washington, D. C. — Secretary of state George C. Marshall's public appearances are inclined to be somewhat irregular. He can be exceedingly affable and effective. But when he doesn't want to give, he buttons up his lip, sets his chin, and is as stubborn as an army mule.

He had one of his better days when he marched up Capitol Hill to present his \$570,000,000 China aid program. On the side, he gave the house foreign affairs committee a few foreign policy pointers which the congressmen should have known, but apparently didn't. It was surprising—and a little alarming—to see how politically biased some of them were on what should be a strictly non-partisan measure.

The whole question of aid to China has become something of a political football. The republicans seem to be for it because the democratic administration has been cagey on getting too involved with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang government. If the democrats were proposing a \$3,000,000,000 Chinese program, it would be reasonable to expect the GOP to be against it, as too big, or asking why the Chinese didn't go to work and save themselves.

Confusion seemed to run from Chairman Charles A. Eaton of New Jersey, right on down. Dr. Eaton said the program was a "surprise." Secretary Marshall had announced it was coming last November. The only surprise in for \$300,000,000 aid had been it was that the original estimates upped to \$570,000,000.

Rep. John M. Vorys (R., Ohio) raised the point that since the

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Chinese problem was 70 per cent military—according to the Chinese budget—he could not understand why there had been a 10 months' embargo on arms shipments to China. The inferred criticism was that the \$570,000,000 program called for no military aid.

Secretary Marshall explained in detail. He took full responsibility for having stopped arms shipments from August, 1946, to May, 1947. He had done so because, as Ambassador to China, he was trying to bring peace and unite the Yen-an and Nanking forces. He could not mediate for peace on one hand, while shipping arms to Chiang Kai-shek's armies on the other.

When he returned to the U. S. as secretary of state, he authorized granting of arms export licenses. Since that time, the Chinese have made only one contract. Vorys asked if the present aid program was now too late or too early. Marshall replied that, as

Material, without leadership, might cost to give China all the aid it might need to defeat communism.

Secretary Marshall admitted to Judd that, if the U. S. moved away from the Chinese situation, it would deteriorate rapidly. He said there was no third party which could take over in China. The secretary refused to say how long it might be necessary to give aid to China. Nor did he estimate how many billions it

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