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CHANGING AT 100
 It's been a big year for the Portland Oregonian. The staff has been celebrating it as the paper's centennial (dating from the beginning of the weekly) with the publication of many articles of historic interest gleaned from the old files. The year was noteworthy, too, when the Oregonian's declaration of independence of Portland's biggest store demonstrated, after a long-drawn boycott, that Meier & Frank needed Oregonian advertising at least as much as the Oregonian needed the Meier & Frank account. The staff—the men and women who make up the small army responsible for the regular appearance and the sustained excellence of the hundred year old newspaper—had in that incident something more significant to remember than a mere birthday.

The year was not only a great one for the staff, however. It was so likewise for the owners—the two old families whose forebears had started and developed the small town newspaper until it had become one of the most valuable properties of the kind in the northwest. The heirs proved this Saturday when they sold the Oregonian for a price reported to be in excess of \$5,000,000.

How much of this will remain in their possession after capital gains are taxed on 50 per cent of their total by the federal government and on 100 per cent of their total by the state of Oregon will probably never be disclosed. It will naturally be far less than the consideration mentioned in the official report of the transaction. The figures remain, however, as an accurate measure of how greatly the Oregonian was valued by its owners.

Some sentimentalists, perhaps, will find cause to mourn over the sale, especially because the purchase is made by one on the far east coast, one already the publisher of a half dozen other newspapers, whose interest in the Oregonian can hardly be especially personal. But in this fact there should be little immediate change for the retiring owners, with slight exception, have not been operating publishers. The old staff, it is announced, is being retained and so, presumably, the hundred year old Oregonian will go on much the same as before, for the time being at least. Eventually, no doubt, as is usual in such matters, a reorganization will come about, but no indication of urgency has been given.

If in this there is reason for assurance, there is also cause for concern in the fact of the eastern residence of the new owner. Absentee ownership is something already too frequently exemplified in the operation of Oregon businesses and institutions. The purchaser, Samuel I. Newhouse of Newark, New Jersey, would do well, we think, to make Oregon his actual if not his legal residence. Perhaps the Portland chamber of commerce will send him a folder explaining the advantages of living in the far west.

Washington (NEA) — Political power of the southern democrats will be greater in the coming 82nd congress than ever before. They will not only hold the balance of power between conservative republicans and the combination of New Dealers and progressive republicans which sometimes vote together, they have also gained chairmanships on important congressional committees.

Senators and congressmen don't always vote consistently, nor do they vote in solid blocs. There is always a lot of mavericks straying off the political range by individual congressmen, for reasons perhaps best known to some of their constituents.

A careful analysis of voting records of the old-timers and political speeches of the newcomers does, however, indicate trends. And the trend for the 82nd congress lines up about like this: Take the senate. Of the 47 republicans in the next senate, 36 may be classified as GOP conservatives. Eleven are what you might call middle-of-the-roads. They are sometimes referred to as liberal republicans and they do vote with the democrats on some more progressive measures, or on foreign policy.

Of the 49 democrats in the next senate, only 21 may be classified as voting more or less consistently for the New Deal or Fair Deal program. Eleven democrats—including five from the south—sometimes vote with the liberal democrats, sometimes with the conservatives. They are liberals on foreign policy, conservative on civil rights and the more extreme Fair Deal proposals.

But the real power in the next senate lies with the 17 remaining democrats who may be counted on to vote more or less consistently against the Truman administration proposals. When these 17 democrats vote with the 35 republican conservatives in the next congress they will have a majority of 52 to 44.

These 17 conservative democrats more than offset the 11 liberal republicans who sometimes vote with the democrats. These 17 democrats also more than offset the combination of the 11 liberal republicans plus the five southern senators who sometimes vote liberal.

In this group you also have six important committee chairmen: Ellender (succeeding Thomas of Oklahoma), agriculture; Russell

Proclamation

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ceedings relating to weapons or other defense and security matters.

If Mr. Truman, under his proposed national emergency, departs far from the letter of the law and of the constitution to exercise great powers not specifically granted the chief executive, he will be following notable precedent.

Abraham Lincoln began it. Woodrow Wilson carried it on. Franklin D. Roosevelt broke tremendous areas of new ground. Mr. Roosevelt's method was to create emergency agencies and issue emergency executive orders. These had the force of law although not in all cases the specific authorization of law.

Edward S. Corwin's "The President, Office and Powers" New York University Press, traces the history of these extraordinary "emergency" powers from the fall of Fort Sumter.

Started by Lincoln
 During the 10 weeks after Sumter's fall until congress convened in special session, July 4, 1861, Lincoln raised a temporary volunteer army, called for another to volunteer for three years, increased the regular military establishment, and paid out large sums which had not been appropriated by congress to persons who had not been authorized to receive it.

That is not all he did. But it is a sample. When congress met he invited it to approve what he had done. Congress approved.

Lincoln defended his actions by citing his constitutional prerogatives as commander-in-chief and his constitutional duty to "take care that the laws be faithfully enforced."

Casualties High In Evacuation

Washington, Dec. 12 (AP) — The 1st marine division suffered more than 30 per cent casualties—an estimated 6,500—in the bloody retreat from the Chosin reservoir to Korea's east coast, marine headquarters disclosed Monday.

No breakdown was given as to dead, wounded and missing. But dispatches from Korea have said that about 4,000 wounded, including some of the army's 7th infantry division, were flown out. Lt. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, commander of the fleet marine forces in the Pacific, reported that in a visit to the 1st marine division last Saturday he found them "all in high spirits from the commanding general down and the troops have their tail up."

In a report to Gen. Clifton B. Cates, Shepherd said that it was only by the "most aggressive and determined efforts" that the marines fought their way through the Chinese Communists to reach the coast.

"The task was one of incomparable difficulty, hazard and hardship," Shepherd stated. "This includes the performance, without outstanding competence, by the 1st marine air wing, working day and night to provide support for the ground column."

All of this "has not been without cost," Shepherd added. He said the three marine infantry regiments in the 1st division "now average less than 70 per cent strength."

A marine spokesman would not say how many marines were involved in the action. But a marine combat division of three regiments numbers around 21,000.

WRONG NUMBER!
 Hoerstein, Germany, Dec. 12 (AP) — Four American GI's entered a German inn here and offered to take on all comers. Four Germans accepted the offer and tossed the soldiers into the street. Not until they were arrested by American military police did the GI's learn they had walked into a meeting of the Hoerstein wrestling club.

Court Enjoins Sale of Timber

Grants Pass, Dec. 12 (AP) — For the second time this year the Josephine county court has enjoined from selling county timber.

A restraining order was granted Saturday by Judge O. J. J. Lard upon petition of timber owners who charged that the county violated a previous order by selling timber at an unreasonable low price.

Petitioners included Harry Terrell Sr., of the Terrell Lumber interests and Willard Spies of Cabax Mills, who asked that the court be enjoined from any further sales until Jan. 10, 1951. The members of the present county court will not return to office.

The court was first enjoined last September following a public hearing on timber sale procedures. The ruling provided that the county must sell timber at a "reasonable price at the time of sale."

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TWO TEXTS FOR TRUMAN
 If we thought it would do any good, we should print and send to the president of the United States a two-color placard to tack up over his desk. It would be a text from Proverbs, the first verse of the 15th chapter, which reads, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger". And, as a companion to this, we might provide a printing from the 25th verse of the 10th chapter of First Corinthians which suggests that, "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things."

But we doubt that he would read them, or, if reading, heed them. Ill-considered speech and intemperate language are apparently dear to Mr. Truman, whether in response to criticism of his daughter's unfortunately mediocre singing voice, in gratuitous insult to the Marine corps or in attempting to defend the indefensible actions of Harry Vaughan. Mr. Truman's "sounding off" is rather too symptomatic of the workings of an inferiority complex for us to have any real hope that our texts would help. The popgun, we suppose, will persist in trying to act like an 18-inch rifle.

Brass railings have been installed on the post office steps, marring the building's classic lines and disappointing patrons who had been expecting something in a nifty gold plated job.

Guard to Select Battalion Leader
 Bend Co. I guardsmen at their meeting tomorrow night in the national guard armory are to vote on appointments for officers, and it is expected that a battalion commander will be named. Although Bend has been designated as battalion headquarters, that post has been vacant. Guardsmen are to vote for non-commissioned officers, and also for Co. I officers. Following the selection of a battalion commander, he will select his battalion staff.

All guardsmen and others interested in activities of the national guard reserves are being asked to attend the Wednesday night meeting, set for 8 p.m.

Bend's Yesterdays
 (From The Bulletin Files)
THIRTY YEARS AGO
 (December 12, 1950)
 Plans for a two-story, 40-room high school building to cost about \$150,000 have been filed with the school district clerk by S. W. Moore, city school superintendent. The plans recommend that the site east of the Hippodrome, between Wall and Bond, be used.

On the first anniversary of Bend's record storm of December 1919, a snow-laden gale whipped this town today.
 Boys now turning out for high school basketball practice include Brosterhous, Loehr, Johnson, Orrel, Lamb, Howell, Sporat, Philbrook, Claypool, Gove, Clarno, Birdsall, Garske, Cottingham and Toomey.
 D. W. Entrikin, of Culver, was a visitor in Bend today.
 The Shevlin-Hixon company mill closed at noon on December 11 and will probably not be reopened until February. However, market conditions may mean that the mill will not be reopened for a month beyond the present tentative date.

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