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# These Things We Note

By Giles L. French

politicians and any one of them will discourse on public affairs if a fare opens the subject. A Negro Oregon remembered that Wayne Morse was from there and said he thought Morse was a man of great convictions. "Senator Taft," said the driver, also was a man of great convictions, but he learned to be quiet or look the other way in order to get something done."

T T W N

We had lunch with Sam Coon in the House restaurant where they serve the famous bean soup about which Sam is not so enthusiastic as some of the others. It is good soup because beans make a fine dish but it is not the superlative dish its reputation would imply. Good, you understand, but who ever ate any poor bean soup. Bean soup has to be good.

Sam's committee on labor and education has just reported out the minimum wage bill at a dollar,

which made him a little low because he had been one who had wanted ninety cents. He also had been in a minority on a sub-committee bill to aid libraries so he had a poor morning even though he was on the right side.

T T W N

The senate and house are moving slowly to a finish without the oft-times long sessions that sometimes ensue. Everyone expects them to adjourn by the end of the month. There are not many bills left and no one seems to think there will be difficulty about passing or defeating them so apparently the votes have been counted and what remains is routine.

T T W N

The contest here is between those who favor big government and those who want less government; between security and independence. This administration has reduced the size of government and the size of taxes and will continue that trend if it is reelected. If it is defeated there will be another wave of increased government, increased taxes, a wave of reduced confidence in the common man and increased growth of controls over him.

T T W N

Students of journalism, those who appreciate good English, connoisseurs of subtle sarcasm, will all recognize this as an excellent example of the fine art of editorial writing. It is from the Washington Evening Star for July 7.

OH, MR. WOLFSON!

"The absent Mr. Wolfson telegraphs the always present Senator Morse that he will come back to Washington 'if you still want me'. The Senator, on reading the telegram, is reported as having a good laugh. The humor is irresistible. Does a hungry lion want fresh meat? Does a thirsty man want a drink of water? Does the producer of a melodrama want a villain? Does Senator Morse want Mr. Wolfson? Please, Mr. Wolfson! We'll laugh ourselves to death!

T T W N

"Mr. Wolfson, at the moment, is the answer to a politician's dream. He is a capitalist in trouble with a union. He believes in the system of free enterprise. He saw, and seized, an opportunity to make a pretty penny for himself out of a sick industry, all within the law. While the rest of us are trying to beat the traffic jams or thumb our way to and from work in this hot weather, he, the head of 'the company', says he can be reached next week at Beverly Hills, California. He is the ideal, the perfect scapegoat. What would we do

without Wolfson?  
"The hearings, beginning today before Mr. Morse's subcommittee, will build up to the climax and dramatically delayed entrance of Mr. Wolfson. A good time will then be had by all. But we hope that after the curtain goes down and the audience walks home, somebody will get down to the real work of setting this strike or providing some new system of public transportation. Until the show is over, of course, nothing is going to be accomplished in that direction."

T T W N

So many things depend on personal relationships. We trade at a store because we like the owner or the clerks; we vote for a political candidate because we like his looks; we marry husbands and wives because we like them. Attempts to rationalize these facts are unavailing. They stem from emotions.

In legislation it is very much in evidence. A man who is popular can pass bills and get things done. The late Senator McNary was an example that is remembered by old-timers around Washington who learn of one's native state. Senator Cordon is an example for the younger ones.

It was recalled that McNary could at times get more votes on the Democratic side of the aisle than the Democratic leader, he was so popular. He was always polite, always helpful and if he criticized his colleagues it was gently done and almost gratefully received.

In contrast are the senators who make publicity by "taking the hide off" someone daily. They have no influence; no one listens to their many speeches; they are lone wolves howling in frequent headline and of little use to the state or district that they represent.

Well, probably we have to have both kinds, the workers and the shouters, if only for contrast. But fortunate is the state or district that has the workers.

T T W N

Norfolk is a navy town. It is on the inside, the bay side, of a blunt point of land that runs up from the south to form one bank of that great, long bay, perhaps the finest harbor on the continent. Into this bay came the first white settlers in America who established camp at Jamestown, on the James river, an artery of the Chesapeake.

The land is all low and sounds and bays and rivers cut it up into odd shaped pieces. A boat is a better means of transportation than a car. The earth, itself, is like that of most of the south below the Piedmont plateau, yellow sand or gravel, which gets darker to the south. It is not productive land, although some crops grow well in the humid atmosphere and frequent rains.

The family lives in as pleasant a suburb of Norfolk as could be found, with all new houses, all 24x36 feet in size, all the same number of inches from the newly paved street, but with different porches over the identical front doors. The color of the asbestos siding is in four shades with accompanying shingles. Individualism is an unrealized ideal for suburb dwellers in American cities.

The heat is not so bad on the thermometer, 86 to 95, but the humidity is very high, around 90. A fair estimate is that the air is half water. Sweating is the cooling system of the human being, in theory his skin gets wet and the air in absorbing the sweat, cools him. It doesn't work in Norfolk because the air is so wet already. Therefore the human hide exudes a sort of dampness day and night and whether it comes from within or sticks on from without is not known to the writer, whose dry country skin is not adapted to so humid a climate.

On the Elizabeth river, really an arm of the bay, are the navy dry docks where great ships of our navy are tied for repair and reconditioning. The carrier Randolph is there awaiting reconversion into a more modern type. As a guest of Lt. Cdr. and son-in-law Fries, we had dinner on it the other night and gave it the attention of an un-nautical eye as ever carried on an inspection. The whole population of Sherman county could live on it, eat on it, sleep on it, have recreation on it, work on it and have everything they have now but room, which is likely the thing they most cherish.

Negroes comprise approximately one-half the population of Norfolk and, as usual, they live in the oldest, least desirable part of town, parts of town that were built before householders wanted lawns or much room. When a man moved to town 200 years ago he moved to town and forgot his agricultural pursuits completely, built his home right up to the sidewalk, didn't raise daily cut hay in the front yard or trees in the back lot. Negroes have the harder jobs, get the smallest pay, get the minimum of education. When and if they overcome this handicap they may add much to our national culture.

Raising a lawn in Norfolk is not common. The handicaps are huge. There is the weight of inertia because of the climate, poor soil, few good examples.

The south gives an impression

## Moro Personals

David Bennett from Cottage Grove is here visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Havie Brisbane.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnett spent last week-end at Camp Sherman.

The grandchildren from Seattle are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Noonan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wallace visited his mother in Ashland last week.

Tom Douma was up from Portland last week-end, visiting at the John Shipley ranch.

Mrs. Martin Hansen passed away recently in El Paso, Texas, where she lived with her daughter. Services were held Saturday, July 9, in Portland. She was a former resident of Sisters and was well known in central Oregon.

Here Tuesday for the funeral of the late Vernon Platt were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Fatland of Condon. Mrs. Olive Willis from Condon is operating the dining room at Hotel Moro. Mrs. Willis is the daughter of Mrs. Anna Ellsworth who operated the Ellsworth hotel, where the library now is, from 1915 to 1934.

Edwin Balsiger returned Friday from a trip east with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Powell. The party flew to Lansing, Mich., then continued by car to Niagara Falls, Albany and New York City. After a three-day stay in the skyscraper city, they continued up the east coast through Boston and Portland, Maine, to the Canadian cities of Quebec and Montreal. Turning west through the Great Lakes area, the party followed Highway 2, the northernmost road in the United States, to Spokane and home.

## U. S. National Shows Healthy Growth In Deposits During Year

The United States National bank marked up a 15 per cent increase in deposits during the 12 months ending June 30, 1955. Deposits now stand at \$739,959,356, an increase of better than 99 million dollars since the June 30, 1954 report to the comptroller of the currency.

The The Dalles branch reported deposits in the amount of \$17,049,018.25, according to C. A. Reynolds, manager.

Loans and discounts also showed an appreciable gain during the past 12 months. The system-wide total stands at \$287,301,100, a gain of more than 50 million dollars during the past year. Total loans and discounts for the The Dalles branch aggregate \$5,361,311.28.

The U. S. National, with its 62 banking offices throughout Oregon, lists total resources of \$802,745,310 compared with \$694,976,970 a year ago.

Growing with the state it serves, U. S. National added 16 new branches during the past 12-month period. Most recent of these are the branch at Mill City which was established in May and the Ashland branch which was opened in June.

"The continued increase in both deposits and loans and discounts is indicative of the important part this Oregon-owned bank plays in serving the financial needs of this area as well as the rest of the state", Reynolds commented.

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of conservatism to the casual observer, conservative in that it is too languid to change, not inventive, not in a hurry. That doesn't mean that it has not accepted the gratuities of a political government. It has done so gratefully. It likes its ease.

Active people, people with ambition not par-boiled, inventive people, are the ones who reject public benefactions because they want to do things for themselves, because they know that a bountiful government must be a restrictive government and that restriction leads to decay.

Were the American people to permit the thinking to be centered in Washington by the comparatively small numbers there it would soon become as old as the streets of Negro section of Norfolk. America was not made great by love of ease but by men on their own responsibility who had imagination and inventiveness and who were in position to use it.

It will not remain great long after its citizens come to depend on government for their food and drink, their ideas and security. And it shouldn't.

## LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, Oregon, her Final Account as Executrix of the Estate of John B. Coon, deceased, and that Wednesday, August 3, 1955, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

Theresa Fern Schilling  
Executrix

T. Lester Johnson,  
Attorney for Executrix 34-7c

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