EDITORIAL

Whether or not the President's Jefferson day report on the state of the nation was designed as the opening gun of the 1948 campaign there were conditions entering into the presentation to make the average citizen wonder if it were not at least a feeler to determine how far Mr. Truman has advanced as the "white hope" of his party in the next presidential election.

Was It The Opening Gun?

There was not much in the President's address itself to lead one to think that he was making an open bid for election next year, for in the main it was a forthright statement of conditions as he finds them, but the locale and stage setting were quite evidently engineered to give his presentation the appearance of launching the forthcoming campaign to succeed himself in his high office. Gauged by the volume and frequency of applause, the "boys" whose political fortunes depend to a large extent upon the President's popularity in the months to come were most eager to lend the impression that their leader has all the answers. Maybe he has, but the same address coming directly from the White House rather than from a \$100-a-plate partisan dinner given to bolster up party campaign funds would have had more appeal to the fellows who think they are going a little strong to order a T-bone steak

Growing Pains Sometimes Costly

Heppner, like many other good little towns, is suffering from growing pains, the remedy for which will involve a considerable expenditure rently, the town is confronted with the necessity of expanding the water system. This entails the construction of a new reservoir and the relaying of new mains within the limits as well as improvement to the main line leading from the well to the city limits. Figures have been submitted on reservoir construction costs and pipeline needed to reach the reservoir which at first sight may seem out of proportion to the additional water sought, yet if we are to attain an adequate supply-one that will gaurantee unhampered use for irrigation, fire protection and regular domestic purposes-the cost will be of secondary importance.

There is no doubt that a lack of water has kept Heppner from enjoying a normal growth. People seeking new locations come here and after learning the limitations placed on water use and the lack of a sewer system, go elsewhere to invest in homes. If the residents of the town see fit to back the council's judgment in enlarging the water system, it is quite likely that new homes and new business buildings will follow and whatever increase in population is experienced will justly the move. It must not be construed that the improvement is being contemplated to attract newcomers alone. The council is more mindful at this time of existing conditions, but

the time for doing the job.

A special election has been set for Tuesday, place in which to live.

May 6, to vote on a proposed \$75,000 bond issue to make these improvements to the water system. The people must decide for themselves if they want an adequate water supply. It must be remembered that the more water the city has to sell the more it will sell. By endorsing the bond issue the town will go forward. If it is rejected there will be another period of drouth and discontent-in which case we'll be going backward.

Way Cleared for County Fair

That county-city trade which has agitated not a few of the citizens the past year or so has been ratified by both parties to the deal and there seems to be nothing in the way of holding a county fair here this year. It may not be possible to launch a full scale fair this fall but it will not be too difficult to stage a 4-H club fair on a grander scale than anything heretofore at-

It may be possible to include some fair features, such as stock exhibits, in the Rodeo program, if it is decided to hold the two events at the same date. At any rate, the newly-acquired county property will be available, as well as the Rodeo grounds, for the use of the fair and whatever plans may be worked out by the county fair board should have the full support and cooperation of the chambers of commerce and other civic groups.

They Deserve Assistance

With acquisition of the county property on Main street comes a problem of development of public funds during the next few years. Cur- , which will require several years of planning and civic enterprise to bring to completion. Tentative plans formulated by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sparkplug of the movement and the one hoping it will be charged with the responsibility of establishing a memorial park, are somewhat ambitious but not too much so for a community of this size once the people are properly sold on the idea. To say the least, these young men, a majority of whom saw service in World War II, should have the support of the community in doing that which others should be doing.

Something that will be a permanent memorial and at the same time provide the community with a common meeting place is the plan visloned by the juniors. A memorial building constructed of durable materials, large enough to contain an auditorium o sufficient size for all public functions not otherwise housed, a kitchen and dining-club room, and public rest roomsthese are some o the ideas the juniors hope to incorporate in the project. As to the remainder of the ground acquired by the city, the Juniors would landscape and otherwise turn the property into an attractive little park, an adornment to the city as well as a mark of progress in our the city as well as a mark of progress in our

to improve them must incorporate future expan- this section of Eastern Oregon a man whose life was a typical example of so-called rugged indiv-If, as it has been demonstrated in recent idualism. He lived the life of the pioneer, trustweeks, the present well can deliver the water ing to his own initiative and rugged spirit to see needed, thus eliminating well drilling expense him through his various enterprises. He will long We are gonna go home at this time, there will be no need for reconstruct- be remembered for his services as school director. We are going go home ments, other than to check leakage. This will of which covered a long period of Morrow county curtail contemplated expenses as well as shorten history and represented a lifetime work in help- We're feeling too old. ing make this immediate land of ours a better

In The WEEK'S NEWS DUAL CHAMPIONS - Juck AFIRE AT NEW YORK PIER Tugs and fireboats pour tons of water on the S.S. John both of Los Angeles, national Ericason as it burned at its pler in New York City. The British liner Queen Elizabeth is in background. pions, hold the permanent trophy emblematic of the Men's National Indoor Tennls Singles title after they singles titles in New York.



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After breaking all records for ength and expense (estimated sion of the state of Oregon stopped the clock on the 83rd day at 0:30 p.m. Saturday and kept the tax is defeated exemption right on working until both houses concurred on a 6-hour-stalled esolution to sine die at 12:31 unday morning. Then the august senators and representativ-

And the winters are cold. l'here'll be a tear in our eye When we tell Old Salem goodbye

Oh, dear, we wanna stay here But we're gonna go home. Goodbyes were alleviated by the fact that many of the members are on one or more of the lozen interim committees created by the 1947 session and will be seeing each other at these

neetings during the next two

During the last minutes of the ession major adjustments were pointed Paul L. Kliever, Lebannade in the tax program. At on, and Kenneth D. Shoemaker, 10:49, Saturday, Senator Thomp. Salem, as additional members of on, a democrat, objected to the the State Apprenticeship council. lowering of income tax exemp. An act of the 1947 legislature ons without raising rates in the increased the membership of the Wednesday to Heppner from his year's reading of the G-T has high brackets as had been prom- council to provide for veteran brought little of the old frontier | ised by advocates when the com- | representatives. Kliever, owner munity property law was passed, of the Santiam Foundry and Idaho, fact that he enjoyed reading the lit is ironical that a democrat Pattern works, will serve as the paper for its worth brings a mea-should save the republican domnated legislature from political er, who is employed at the Oredisaster but republican leaders gon Pulp and Paper company, were quick to sense that a terri- will serve as the employee memlic reaction would occur if the ber. The governor also has anthousands of low income tax-payers were given an extra bur-Alleen Dyer, R.N., of Portland. and Mrs. Louise Arneson, R.N., group were relieved of paying of Salem, as members of the state an estimated \$2,000,state board for examination and registration of graduate nurses.

the WAVE that made...

FRONT PAGE

GOING ON BIG TRIP

law is expected to attract J. J. O'Connor is leaving Penleton this evening by Union Pacific Streamliner for New York City to attend a meeting of J. C enney company managers. Mrs O'Connor was to have accompanied him but they were unable to get someone to look after the is a sort of holiday for managers genial Penney manager has een all in a tizzy the past few days getting the store's affairs

MASONS INVITED TO

\$8000 were raised from 7 to 8 vorshipful master, Gordon Baner, to assemble at the hall in ime to leave for the church by

hem and has two weeks more James Archer was taken by ambulance to the Hermiston hoslet the remainder lie without tal Friday evening following stroke which left his left side paralyzed. He had been down own Friday afternoon and told some of his friends that he didn't feel very good. One of these friends, Ray McAlister, went to found him on the floor in a helpless condition. A physician was called and prepared him to

> Mrs. B. C. Pinckney spent Easter in Spokane with her mother, Mrs. Mary Bell. She accompaned Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson

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April 12, 1917

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Padberg, who reside west of Heppner, were in the city the first of the John Willard Rasmus died Ap-

is survived by his widow, and style. Heppner.

bride of Charles Barlow, Rev. T. B. McDonald officiating.

day evening to Miss Faye Rob-inson of Joseph. Ore. The ceremony was performed at the of. SET FO RSATURDAY fice of Recorder J. P. Williams.

charge of W. C. Sullivan, will soon be in operation at the head-quarters ranch south of Heppner. No formal successful season.

S. W. Spencer of this city recelved a telegram Monday of the drowning of Jay Vale in the Missourl river near Bismark, N. D. Mr. Vale was attempting to cross . . .

a little warm weather mixed turn about April 19.

From Heppner Gazette Times, with it will make the farmers

home near Hardman. He has nized at the home of Mr. and plowing done owing to the late-Mrs. Spencer Akers in this city ness of the season, and it Sunday morning when their the middle of February before daughter Blanche became the he finished his threshing.

Work in laying the concrete Another wedding of some sur- ace hotel is progressing rapidly prise to his many friends was under the supervision of the that of Lester Ingram on Tues | contractor, T. G. Denisee.

Mr. and Mrs. James Daly of Heppner announce the coming Frank W. Turner, the veteran marriage of their daughter Pat-sheep shearer, will start his ricia to Virgil Boyd, son of Mr. shearing plants this week at the and Mrs. Harry Boyd of Pendle James Carty ranch at Tub ton, which will be solemnized at Spriags. The second crew, in 10:30 o'clock a.m. Saturday, Apr. 12, in St. Mary's Catholic church

No formal invitations are Turner is looking forward to a ing sent but all friends of the couple have been extended an invitation to attend.

VISITING IN SOUTH

Miss Barbara Ledbetter tele-graphed her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ledbetter of her safe the river in a boat. He was formerly at the head of the dry a highly interesting but unevgoods department of Minor & Co., entful flight across the continand while making his home in ent. Barbars, employe at the the city was married to Miss El- First National Bank of Portland. Heppner branch, left Sunday, March 30 by sirliner for Ashville Some rain we had last week! to spend about thre eweeks vis. Nellie Anderson went to Port-A few more of those showers and iting relatives. She expects to re- land Sunday to spend a few

Letters to the Editor FLOWERS TO THE LIVING ...

It is not often the editor re ceives praise for his humble efforts and when he does he is inclined to keep it to himself, cher-The rendition of the Easter ishing the thought that there cantata "Easter Angels" at the are some understanding souls SPASTIC MINUTES Federated church on Sunday evening was greeted by an over-flowing house. Mrs. H. A. Noyes ette's first printer, Henry J. ril 6 at the age of 63 years. He directed the choruses in fine Keyte, which is worthy of passing along to our readers. It is a greatly changed world since Mr. ville, and Lucia Bonine, all of W. H. Bechdolt was a visitor Keyte first knew Heppner and a A quiet wedding was solem. been unable to get any spring town to his attention. But the sure of genuine satisfaction to the publishers. The letter fol-

Merlin, Ore., April 2, 1947. Mr. O. G. Crawford, Heppner: Dear Sir: Well, the Gazette and I have had another birthday. I have nothing of interest to write for publication, but I want to thank you for the Gazette vou have sent me and let you know that I appreciate the kindness very much. For all the names I can recognize of 50 years ago they might as well have come from Mars, so I think it would be best to stop it and use the paper to better advantage. However, I did catch a few names of oldtimers in the "30

Years Ago" column. I want to congratulate you on what a fine paper you are getting out. That is my idea exactly, for a country paper to devote to all local news, and you are doing it the best I have ever

Kindest egards to Mac Clark and wishing you the great success you deserve. Yours truly,

Mrs. Madge Bryant and Mrs.

ealthy persons to the state se taxes will offset whatever lost to the state in reducing ie income taxes of present ealthy residents.

ALES TAX ON RISE Sales tax proponents passed children and Mrs. O'Connor had ills to provide funds if the sales to remain at home. The trip ax is voted down by the people at the special election October and their wives, the company 1, 1947. If it passes income tax bearing all travel expenses, The comptions will be extended to \$1800 for married persons, \$900 for single persons and \$400 for Exemptions in shape before leaving. He ex now are \$1500, \$750 and \$300. If ects to return about April 23.

will be \$1000, \$500 and \$300. The 1-cents-a-pack eigarette tax will CHURCH SUNDAY A. M. be automatically repealed if the

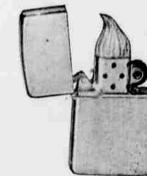
Masons of the community ave been extended an invitaon to attend the morning ices at the Methodist church unday. The pastor, Rev. J. Paler Sorlein, himself a Mason. vill deliver a special sermon for e occasion.

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