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## Billboard

By BILL JENKINS

A beautiful blanket of white again this morning.

Always a surprise to wake up and find that it has snowed while you were asleep.

Being busy engaged, like all good Englishmen and Americans, in celebrating St. Patrick's day yesterday it came as a complete surprise.

The only feelings it now evokes are vague and wondering ones. For instance: Did you ever notice how it changes the lines of your car? Made my old pre-war pot look like a streamlined beauty. But didn't make it any easier to drive.

Ever notice that when it snows heavily during the night the sea gulls seem to resent it? They take off early in the morning and fly around screaming their rage for the world to hear. The taxis slow down in their rounds. People follow one another down the walks to keep in the beaten trail. Dogs seek the shelter of porches and lumber piles. And all the humans curse. And the roof leaks.

Oh well.

Just blame it on the Russians or the administration and let it go at that. It's a cinch there isn't anything more futile than worrying about the weather.

Noticed in the news today that the Garden Club of America won its own prize in flower arranging.

Vote of three to two gave it to 'em. Three outsiders and two garden clubbers. And they protested they didn't want it. Said it was embarrassing. Hogwash! Of course they wanted it. If they hadn't they wouldn't have put up a display in the first place. There is a time and place for everything—but a show you have entered is no place for modesty when you win.

The president was shown through an aquarium yesterday. And today it makes most of the newspapers in the nation.

We spend a good deal of time cussing the little man from Missouri and his machine back in Washington but there are times when you have to shed a sympathetic tear for him. Or any other man in the high office.

How would you feel if you could not even go to an inside ocean and let the fish stare at you without having a flock of photographers and reporters on your tail? No privacy at all. It would be pretty rough.

Never a day goes by that we don't hear of a military plane of some sort crashing. Today it is a navy plane with twenty men aboard. The parachute while the captain of the plane sticks and flies the flaming wreckage out of the residential area. Then he, too, jumps to safety.

Not important but it reminds us that the parachute is coming back into its own lately. There was a long time when everyone flew without one. Not any more. Even the private fliers are taking to wearing 'em. Someday when I have enough time, I'm gonna check up and see who invented the parachute. I suppose it was the Greeks back about the time of bread and circuses, but I'm not sure.

The quietest St. Patrick's celebration in memory yesterday. Seems to be a trend these days to do all the celebrating a little bit ahead of time. Most of it was done Saturday night. A takeoff on daylight saving time?

Which reminds me that it is about time to start the old battle about that again. There will undoubtedly be a big group who want to go fussing around with the clock again this summer. Fathead! And they are the same people who sit around and cry about the old days being gone and why do we have to have so much change. And then they try to change even the face of nature.

## They'll Do It Every Time



## Political Picture Vague; Taft Hits Opponents, Demos

Political leaders were alerted Tuesday for fresh hints of the intentions of President Truman and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower—the two "mystery" candidates for the Presidential nominations.

It was considered probable that the Democratic campaign was being charted in conferences between Truman and National Party Chairman Frank E. McKinney at Key West, Fla.

Truman has not said whether he intends to run. A national committee expected to meet in Washington the Democrats were anxiously urging the President at least to let McKinney in on his secret. They said the party chairman should have at least enough of an insight to give them private guidance.

Eisenhower whetted the hopes of his Republican backers with a letter to 19 GOP House members that was made public Monday. The general said he does not regard himself as "indispensable to the success of NATO" — the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, whose military forces he now heads. He promised he would regularly re-examine the political situation.

Most members of Congress who commented interpreted this to mean Eisenhower was leaving the way open for him to come home and campaign, although few expect him back before May.

## Western GOP's See New Hampshire Vote As Sign Demo Party Losing Faith

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some Republican senators from the Rocky Mountain West declare the New Hampshire election indicates President Truman's political goose is cooked. But they say it gives no clue as to who will get the Republican presidential nomination.

The Westerners were invited to comment on the election in a session in which Sen. Kefauver of Tennessee trounced President Truman and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower defeated Sen. Taft of Ohio.

Most of them replied that Taft's chances weren't hurt much, if at all, and a few said they thought he did well, although Eisenhower supporters have been claiming an important victory.

Sen. Ecton of Montana told a reporter: "The primary was not significant as far as the Republican candidates are concerned. But it proved that the people will repudiate President Truman and his administration. The New Hampshire voters who still are in the Democratic party repudiated the administration by going for a freshman senator like Kefauver in preference to the President."

Sen. Watkins of Utah, who has announced he is for Taft, said: "Most significant were the small vote for Truman and the small Democratic vote, which show that the Truman administration is at a low ebb and bode ill for the Democratic Party."

"The results of the Taft-Eisenhower contest don't settle anything, in my opinion, although they probably will boost the morale of the Eisenhower forces and make the Taft workers weep."

"Straw votes among delegates in Republican county conventions, being held now, show that Taft is the favorite in Utah," said Sen. Bennett of Utah and Welker of Idaho believe Illinois and Wisconsin primaries will have more significance than the New Hampshire voting.

"The Illinois primary would be much more significant if Taft should be beaten there," Bennett said. "The situation in Illinois is the reverse of that in New Hampshire, where it was assumed that Gen. Eisenhower would win."

"Both Taft and Eisenhower may take comfort from results of the New Hampshire primary — Eisenhower the most," Bennett added. "Taft knew in the beginning he was going to be beaten in New Hampshire. His appearance there led some people to believe he might win. I feel he got a surprising vote."

Welker, who said he was not committed to any presidential aspirant, commented: "I don't think the New Hampshire primary was a fair test of the strength of Sen. Taft. I will be much more interested in the outcome of the Wisconsin and Illinois primaries."

"New Hampshire was handed-picked for the general, who was backed by the governor, an ex-governor, Sen. Tobey (R-N.H.) and two Congressmen — the entire state Republican machine was firmly behind him. I was surprised



OPERATION MOPBUCKET — Housecleaning day at the YMCA draws many willing hands. The scrubbing detail above is comprised of (l to r) Ann Pederson, Mary Beth Rice and Louis Erbers.



ASK END TO RAIL STRIKE — U.S. District Attorney John J. Kane signs a petition in Cleveland, O., asking Federal Court to order striking railroad workers back on their jobs. Shown, seated (l to r) are Edward H. Hickey, special assistant to the U.S. attorney general; Kane and Lt. Col. Burton Phillips, representing the Army. Standing Jess Rosenberg (left) and John Roberts, assistants to Hickey.

## Holdup Death Trial Open

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (AP) — The trial of two brothers from McMinnville, Ore., accused of first-degree murder, went into its second day here Tuesday.

The brothers, Richard L. Jones, 23, and Robert, 20, both have pleaded innocent of the holdup slaying of Felix Molini, 58, here last Jan. 26.

Richard's plea was innocent by reason of insanity. Robert entered a straight plea of innocent.

The Jones brothers were captured at a roadblock near Brookings, Ore., a short time after the slaying.

Their attorney asked that the trial be held somewhere else because he did not think the brothers would get a fair trial here where Molini's widow and two children still reside. The judge turned down the request.

## Grazing Land Goes At Record Price

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Victor Durden of Riggs paid \$55,000 for 240 acres of grazing land in Adams County Monday. It was called by State Land Department employees "the highest price paid for grazing in the past 20 years."

Durden, and five others, began bidding for the land at the appraised price of \$14,400. Four of the other bidders soon dropped out, but a representative of the Barlow Company Inc., Vale, Ore., competed with Durden, making a last bid of \$54,500.

## Draft Douglas Move Plotted

FREMONT, O. (AP) — A Chicago biographer, here to write about a Republican President, has announced a campaign to draft Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas as the Democratic presidential nominee.

Harry Bernard told a reporter Monday a Douglas-for-President Committee with an "impressive" number of liberal Democrats will be formed in Chicago, probably next month.

Bernard is writing a biography of the Republican Rutherford B. Hayes, a Fremont man who was the 19th President of the United States. Bernard is a former Chicago Times editorial writer.

Douglas, he said, "is the only man for Democratic President if we are to win the battle against Communism in the world."

Bernard said that although the jurist has indicated he does not want to be a candidate, Douglas stands for a "positive policy of democracy, rather than a defensive one that might lead to war."

## After This He'll Read Fine Print

PORTLAND (AP) — Walter M. Cox, a juror who didn't read the fine print, was sentenced to 30 days in jail Monday for contempt of court.

Cox, 45, was a juror on a personal injury case. After he had served for two days it was discovered that he was not eligible for jury duty because he had been convicted of a felony.

He had signed a juror certificate denying any convictions.

"I didn't read the certificate questions," he said.

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