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LET'S BE CONSISTENT

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Federal economists report that the cost of living will continue to rise, estimates of the prospective increase varying from 3 to 8 per cent. It is interesting to contrast the items expected to rise in cost with those forecast for no increase or, perhaps, even a decline, and then apply these forecasts to the platforms of the respective political parties and pre-election campaign promises.

Everything made of steel is headed for a price boost. Steel will increase in cost from \$8 to \$10 per ton, plus freight costs. This means that all articles made either entirely or partially from steel will be upped in cost. Manufacturers usually add to the actual rise in production costs a percentage mark-up, which, in turn, is given another percentage boost by the jobber and retailer, so that the consumer pays considerably more than the greater cost of steel as a material for use in manufacturing would indicate.

Economists say some food costs will go up until autumn and then will either hold steady or decline. But that applies only to unprocessed foods. Canned and processed foods will stay high. Nearly all manufactured articles will go up in price.

Items due for price increases are those involving labor. Labor has been forcing a new round of wage increases. Every wage increase is followed by a boost in prices of all goods produced by labor. Usually the rise in prices is proportionately higher than the wage increase. Then, because prices have gone up, labor has excuse to demand more wages, and so the seesaw goes on and on.

Now we have the picture of President Truman calling Congress back into session to enact price control legislation. That's a popular move, designed to get votes. But he says nothing about controlling wages. That would be unpopular and would lose votes. But how can we expect to hold prices down and still leave the way open for wage boosts? It doesn't make sense.

We could, of course, squeeze profits. If we do that we confiscate investment capital, destroy initiative and stimulate unemployment. We kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

Both parties in their platforms decry the high cost of living, but pledge farm price support and high wages. Obviously they are inconsistent.

In some manner we must reach a point of stabilization including BOTH prices and wages, but we probably can't expect such action as long as it is interlocked with the necessity of getting votes.

Rifle Calibers to Be Regulated

The Oregon State Game Commission reports its intention to regulate lawful rifle calibers for use in big game hunting. The regulation is to be postponed until some later date when rifles are more easily available, but the intent is being announced as a guide to hunters acquiring new guns.

The commission will require rifles of .23 caliber or larger, developing not less than 975 foot-pounds at 100 yards in taking of deer, and .25 caliber or larger, developing 1375 foot-pounds or more at 100 yards, in taking antelope and elk.

These regulations have long been needed. Too many hunters use guns of insufficient power, thus wounding animals which later die and are wasted. The Multnomah Anglers and Hunters Club, Portland, has been endeavoring for considerable time to secure regulation of rifles to at least partially eliminate the existing useless destruction of game animals. The growing scarcity of game, coupled with increasing population and hunting pressure, makes any elimination of unnecessary losses important.

While sports arms are short in supply, a hardship would be created if the regulations were to be imposed immediately. But forewarning will save sportsmen from financial loss incurred in buying guns which later would be declared unlawful.

Editorial Comment

From the Oregon Press

Long-Ago Communists

The Oregon Statesman
 A whole colony of Communists once flourished only about 24 miles from Salem and Stewart Holbrook tells about the Aurora settlers in an article in the July American Mercury.

Aged Oregonians still living remember the colony as a happy and prosperous settlement but after the leader, William Keil, died unexpectedly the community was legally liquidated and its members began to live like their more conventional Willamette Valley neighbors.

The Aurora group was one of many little settlements that flourished during the 1840's. It was an experiment in the United States. Holbrook says, and communal living was part of the yeasting. There were Perfectionists in Vermont and New York, Shakers, Hutterites, Swedish communities in Illinois, Zoar Separatists in Ohio, and of course Brook Farm, probably the best known of the Fourier experiments. None of these movements had any truck with Karl Marx and they had nothing in common with modern Communism; they were variations of Christian Communism and most of them were convinced they had found

the one true way to live Biblical teachings.

William Keil, unsatisfied with Lutherans and German Methodists, invented his own organization after the teachings of the Rappites who lived in Harmony, Indiana. Keil's followers settled in Bethel, Missouri, and then made a six-month-long trek to Oregon and a new promised land.

The little community of Aurora was known for its thrifty and industrious inhabitants. All property was communally owned and everyone worked for the good of the whole, with Keil as the autocratic leader. The settlers had a sawmill, gristmill, distillery and made furniture, wooden cloth and other articles for sale. For a while all went well, but the children began to grow apart from the old customs; they wanted to speak English and live as Americans. By the time Keil died in 1877, the Aurora experiment was dying too.

There is nothing left now of the colony but a few old houses. And that's as much as can be said for most of the other old-time Communitarian ventures in this country. These experiments in communal living have that one thing in common; they have proved again and again that individuals cannot be molded to a set pattern and will not support for long the welfare of the community above their own private wills. The repeated failures of Christian Communism do not augur success for Marxist Communism, either. The latter needs the prop of the police state.

OUT OUR WAY



Scraps From The Mending Basket

By VIAHNETT S. MARTIN

Laughter is a curative, and it also helps to fasten an illustration in one's thought. I mean laughter that wells up from a class or a group of people tickled with some absurdity used to press home a point.

For instance, there was a professor of Latin who woke up his class in ways like this: He was endeavoring to drive-home the difference between the wish and the flat statement (optative and declarative) in SHALL and WILL.

Said he, as nearly as I can recall: "Don't ever shout 'I will' and no one shall save me; the listener might be willing to let you carry out your threat. But who would fall to heed the despairing appeal, 'I shall do—no one will save me!'" His drollery brought forth a shout of laughter and the point was forever driven home.

I remember another bit the same professor imparted: "I HOPE," he said, "carries with it an implied fear lest that which you hope for may not come about. Think that over!" It is surprising to note how true that, not funny

in this case, remark seems. When we read the Psalms: "I will fear no evil" there is the triumphant, active faith. "Goodness and mercy shall follow me;" here no effort except that of accepting the blessing awaiting us. But—"I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever;" there we are given our individual responsibility.

Listening to the "shall" and the "will" of the Scriptures unfolds many a thought rich in connotation.

Listening to the words we hear so much now: "I hope there will not be a war!" what do we hear underlying the spoken cry? Professor Partridge really "had something"—don't you think? Oh, how many times teachers, through the years, have given nuggets only to have them kicked around by careless feet. And now we must stand by, wishing the succeeding generations would listen, and knowing they will do just what the generations ahead of them did.

But some of the nuggets will not be lost, so—Teachers, don't despair!

In the Day's News

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the going gets tougher. Streets are wearing out. Police and fire protection call for increasing man-power. More children require more schools and larger teaching staffs. And so on. The list is long.

At the same time, we are calling for more frills in our city governments—partly to keep up with the pace set by national and state governments. We want more parks. And especially we want more recreation facilities—swimming pools, playgrounds, etc. We have more time to play, and we want some place to do it.

All of this calls for more tax money, and a lot of it. The old property tax is practically all the cities have left to fall back on, and the property owner gets more peevish about being tapped as the years pass.

UP to now, the cities have resisted admirably the temptation to run into debt for the things they want and need. They have been scrimping for years to pay off the debt acquired during the years of the big bond-yielding binge, and most of them are crossing their hearts and saying "never again!" Still, if they can't be had any other way it stands to reason that sooner or later we'll go after the things we want by the bond route. With the national debt what it is, that wouldn't be too good.

All in all, the cities ought to get a sympathetic hearing when they come with their requests for a share of the income tax surplus the court says we can now spend.

Stamp Commemorates Oregon Centennial

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—The three-cent stamp commemorating the Oregon Territory Centennial will be issued at Oregon City Aug. 14.

The date is the anniversary of the organization of the territory, and a four-day celebration will begin then at Oregon City.

The stamp pictures an ox-team and covered wagon, flanked by portraits of Dr. John McLoughlin and Jason Lee, pioneer figures.

Fire Hazards In Douglas Nearing Serious Stage

Forest fire hazards are fast becoming serious in Douglas County, Oregon's timber capital, and they will continue to grow progressively worse until general fall rains begin, stated Albert Wiesendanger, executive secretary for Keep Oregon Green Association, Inc., who visited in Roseburg today.

To help prevent fires and to combat one phase of carelessness the Keep Oregon Green Association has distributed through Douglas County Chairman Fern Harpham fire prevention posters and other material.

Boys and girls, members of the Green Guard, have also assisted the county chairman in his efforts to reduce man-caused fires, said Wiesendanger.

Loggers Merit Praise
 Loggers are deserving of praise in Douglas County for the record they have made so far this season in preventing fires in their operations, he said. Faced with considerable slashing near their operations they will post a splendid record if they continue through the season without a serious fire, the secretary stated.

Weather conditions so far have helped forest protection, but that can change any day, he asserted, adding there could be plenty of trouble between now and fall rains.

Man-caused fires merely indicate a continued need for increased educational efforts in an attempt to bring home to every citizen in the county a need for extreme caution in the use of fire in our forests, Wiesendanger declared.

The Douglas County Keep Oregon Green committee, headed by Chairman Harpham, includes LeRoy Hatt, Fred Goff, Sam Warg, Dick Gilman, Clyde Knight, Wallace Rapp, Ray Hampton, James Slattery, Charles Stanton, Fred Southwick, Eugene Springer, Homer Grow, Walter Fisher, Harold Jefferies, Maurice Newland, Earl Plummer, Gene Kent, Henry Carsten, Paul Keith, Walter Oimstead, all of Roseburg, and Mayor John Skalhuren, Reedsport; Carl Hill, Days Creek; Harold Woodley, Drain, and John Amacher, Winchester.

Record Price Bid For Stand of Pine Timber

PORTLAND, July 21.—(AP)—A record pine timber price of \$40.05 a thousand board feet was reported yesterday by the Bureau of Land Management.

The The Knot Pine Company, Redmond, bid that figure on timber from a Deschutes County public domain tract.

The Vancouver Plywood & Veneer Company bid \$40 per thousand board feet for Clackamas County Douglas fir—the highest price received by the Bureau of Land Management, but lower than the record of \$60 on a recent Forest Service sale.

'Children's Hour' At Tavern Put Under Ban

NEWARK, N. J., July 21.—(AP)—The "Children's Hour" has made its last stand at a Hoboken tavern.

The special periods of television programs for children, with the bars closed and adults excluded, no longer may be held at Patrick Radigan's bar, Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner Erwin B. Hock ruled yesterday.

"Longfellow would turn over in his grave if he could see the scene of your 'Children's Hour,'" Hock commented.

Draftees May Not Get Service Call Until October 1

WASHINGTON, July 21.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national selective service director, indicated yesterday the armed forces may not call peace-time draftees into service until around Oct. 1.

The law provides that no one can be inducted before Sept. 22. Hershey would not give a definite date when he expects the first draftees to be called.

He was asked at a news conference whether, in view of registration taking place from Aug. 30 to Sept. 18 selective service would be able to provide any draftees before Oct. 1.

Hershey replied that Oct. 1 sounded like a conservative date. Hershey spoke out as the armed forces opened their ranks for 161,000 American 18-year olds to volunteer for a special one-year hitch and thus avoid a two-year draft later.

At many cities the 18-year-olds lined up overnight waiting for a chance to enlist.

Hershey said the method of selecting men probably won't be decided until next week.

He said there are two methods of selection: (a) Start with men of 25 and work down the list to the 18-year-olds; or (b) conduct a lottery, such as was done at the start of the draft for World War II.

He indicated that he is sympathetic towards drafting the 25-year-olds first because 100,000 of them will become 26 every month and therefore will not be eligible for the draft.

Only men from 19 through 25 actually will be subject to draft call.

Senator Murray Victory In Montana Primary

HELENA, Mont., July 21.—(AP)—Three candidates, including Democratic Senator James E. Murray, claimed victory today as slow unofficial returns continued to trickle in from Montana's primary election.

Murray, Montana's senior U. S. Senator, built up a 36,824 to 8,636-vote lead over Dr. Harry J. McGregor, Great Falls, in unofficial tabulations from 516 of 1,142 precincts. Murray, who campaigned on his record and the Democratic party's platform, is seeking his fourth term.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate John W. Bonner of Helena and Governor Sam C. Ford, a Republican, also claimed victories in yesterday's primary.

Bonner polled 19,501 votes in 513 precincts. He was trailed by Arthur F. Laney with 13,140 votes.

Ford, seeking his third term, polled 20,233 votes in 453 precincts, followed by state railroad commissioner Leonard C. Young with 5,111.

Prison Farm Head, Wife, Daughter Found Slain

MANSFIELD, O., July 21.—(AP) Sheriff Frank E. Robinson reported this afternoon that the head of the Mansfield Reformatory Prison Farm, his wife and daughter had been found slain following their mysterious disappearance from their home early today.

Dead are John E. Niebel, aged 50, connected with the farm since 1928; his wife and their 22-year-old daughter, Phyllis.

Sheriff Frank E. Robinson said the Niebel home at the prison farm had been ransacked, all doors left open, looted purses of all three occupants deposited on a dining room table, but that the automobiles of the father and daughter were in the garage.

The sheriff said neighbors told him a "light-colored" car had been seen at the Niebel home last night.

Bonanza Fire Threatens Whole Business District

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., July 21.—(AP)—Fire last night burned a frame residence and for a time threatened the entire business district of the Klamath County town of Bonanza, 30 miles east of here.

The blaze started in the residence of Ishmael Dick, which was flattened by the fire. It then jumped to the Oasin Tavern nearby, burning the roof and charring walls. Roofs, walls and windows of the adjoining Hickman Hotel and Odd Fellows Hall were damaged before the blaze was brought under control by the truck and crew from the Liskey Ranch nearby.

institutions in other states of this country and Canada. Most from any one university were six from the University of Oklahoma, five of whom earned degrees here in chemical engineering. The extreme east coast was represented by Harvard, Cornell, University of Virginia and University of North Carolina.

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OSC Graduate School Proves Attractive
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