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FREE PRESS—FREE PEOPLE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

During the past week we have been discussing in this column various phases of the American Press, taking advantage of the observance of National Newspaper Week, Oct. 1-8.

We believe it important that the American people understand how a free press is essential to liberty. On every hand we find efforts to undermine public confidence in the press. The public is told that newspapers are the tools of various interests—the "interests" being the ones to which the malingers are opposed. Labor, for instance, charges the press with subservience to capital, and capital accuses the press of trying to wreck the nation by coddling labor. The Democrats charge that the press has "sold out" to the Republicans, while the Republicans claim too much favorable "propaganda" for the Democrats. The private power interests accuse the press of favoring public power while public power interests say the press is subsidized by private power. And so it goes! Sniping and smearing the press continues constantly.

Yet it is obvious to anyone who will stop to examine the facts that competition within the press, the wide divergence in editorial opinion, the rivalry between press associations make it impossible for the press as a whole to suppress news or information or cater to any one special-interest group. The open debate carried on between newspapers, as editors comment upon opinions of other editors, is in the best tradition of our constitutional privilege of free speech. Nearly all newspapers conduct public forums, where their readers may air their own opinions. Thus the American people have access to the widest possible range of information and opinion.

The *News-Review* has one very definite policy—its news columns are not affected by the editorial opinion of the newspaper, nor are they influenced in any way by any advertiser or pressure-group. No person can buy an inch of space in the news columns. Each member of the news staff has received individual and collective instructions that "news is news" and is not to be suppressed or "colored" because of any stand taken in the editorial columns.

As an example, this newspaper has editorially supported cooperative sustained-yield timber management, yet far more has been printed in news columns from those persons and interests opposing this policy than has appeared concerning the affirmative side of the issue. Many other examples of like nature could be cited.

The *News-Review* has labored under many handicaps. We have had paper shortages, inability to obtain equipment, labor shortage and many other factors with which to contend.

Only recently we have been able to make a long-planned expansion through installation of a new 16-page press. Already the capacity of the press is being taxed. We have opened a circulation campaign for the first time in six years, and are adding steadily to our family of readers. We have installed door-to-door carrier delivery service in Canyonville, Riddle, Myrtle Creek, Sutherlin and Oakland, and are serving subscribers along the highways between those towns by means of motor routes. We will expand our carrier service as rapidly as possible, but the organizational work is slow because of many technical problems involved.

We have added to our mechanical equipment as rapidly as new machines were available. The latest addition has been another typesetting machine. Our future plans call for constant expansion of our mechanical department. The number of persons employed has almost doubled in the past two years.

The *News-Review* has gambled heavily on the future prosperity of Douglas County. Expansion of service and mechanical operation has been extremely expensive, particularly at existing high prices. Income has not kept pace with expenditures required by the expansion program, but we have faith that the investment will be fully justified as our community continues to grow both in population and industrial development. The *News-Review* proposes to keep pace with community growth and to use whatever influence it may possess to aid in the advancement.

And while we strive to serve our community, we are proud to be a part of a great enterprise which is the very foundation of freedom—a free press. No one is more aware of the faults of the press than those who serve it. But the press of this nation has made gigantic strides in recent years. It is on the verge of many improvements, particularly in the field of technical operation. But the personal element involved in the production of a newspaper undergoes little change. The fundamental purposes of a newspaper—the collection and dissemination of news, information and opinion—does not change; only the method of presentation. As long as the press of this nation can maintain high ideals of service in the minds of the men and women who serve it and can fend off the vicious attacks of those who for self-interest would alienate the confidence of the public, the people of America will remain a free people.

Public Hunting Area In Malheur Refuge Planned

PORTLAND, Oct. 8.—(AP)—A public hunting area for migratory waterfowl will be opened in Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

Leo L. Laythe, regional director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, said the area, comprising about eight square miles, will be operated by the Service and the

Oregon State Game Commission. There are no large bodies of water in the area, but many potholes and sloughs have sufficient vegetation for cover. Laythe said it should provide good shooting for a limited number of hunters.

A checking station will be set up on the Burns-Greenglen highway.

There are 50 species of kangaroos.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



JUST LIKE MARRIED



A young veteran and his wife—let's call him Joe—are running a successful cafe where many of his customers are people who have been eating there ever since he opened up, nearly two years ago.

The other day a big blustery sort of a person dropped in for a meal. He ordered a steak and other things and practically "licked the platter clean"; at least he picked up the steak bone to get every last shred of meat on it. When time to pay the check came, he began to browbeat the young waitress about a meal that was "the worst meal I ever ate." This was wrong and that was wrong, although he had left no samples on his plate. Confused the waitress called the proprietor, busy at the moment in the kitchen.

Now Joe is the kind of chap who gives the best he has to the job of seeing the customer is satisfied. He is concerned if food is left on a plate: "Anything wrong?" he will inquire.

Well Joe listened a minute and then he did the very thing that big bluffer probably figured he would do rather than have a lot of talk: he refused the money for the check. "Master, you take your

In the Day's News

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thing that had happened away out in the wilds, beyond the limits of dependable telephone service, away from roads over which an automobile can be driven rapidly, where you can't even land with an airplane?

It's not an easy job.

THERE is hardly a day in this business when our faces aren't red. Probably, by waiting a day or so, we could get the straight of it and keep our faces from being red.

But people are impatient. They don't like to wait. They want to know what there is to be known at the earliest possible moment. That spurs us on to take a chance and hope for the best.

DID you ever shoot off your mouth too soon and wish later you'd waited a little longer until you knew better what you were talking about? Probably so. It's a human failing. But what kind of world would this be if nobody ever shot from the hip?

DID you ever stop to consider the number of times you've said: "I saw in the paper that..."

How would you like to get along without ever seeing in the paper something that hadn't been sifted and shaken down and picked over until there was no longer any human possibility of error in connection with it?

It would be good, of course, but by the time you got it it might be a little dry and woody. News, like eggs, needs to be fresh. At least, people WANT it that way.

THE newspapers are a good deal like democracy. They're full of faults.

Still, having had democracy for a long, long time, how would

dollar and a half and get out of here. And when you come past here again, don't you stop in here... and there was plenty of contempt in his voice.

Believe it or not, the man walked out without paying his check. I was thinking about the incident and it occurred to me that he may be working this scheme in other restaurants up and down 99. Surely if he is, one of these times a forewarned proprietor could do something about it? Just what I don't know. But from his very assurance it might be guessed he found the method of getting a free meal profitable. So maybe he has been "working" the scheme at other places.

Of course when we do get really poor service or poor food it should be reported, or we just encourage more of the same, don't we? But we can be reasonable—

Not like a certain small boy whose grandfather had said whimsically "Come to our house for Thanksgiving dinner and we'll have some wienies." And the small boy liked wienies!

Grandma's beautifully served roast turkey with everything to go with it was perfect. But the small boy howled in anguish: "Grandad said we were going to have wienies!"

you like to get along without it? If you're completely truthful with yourself, you'll probably admit that you'd rather have it as is than not at all.

Maybe you even PREFER your democracy not too perfect. Human beings are funny that way. Remember? Back in the days of hoop skirts and powdered wigs, the ladies (who are no mean judges of human likes and dislikes) used to stick a little black patch on their faces. The purpose was to provide a minor imperfection so as to call attention to the desirability of the product as a whole.

We working newspaper people hope you feel the same way about newspapers.

U. S. to Compensate For Bonus Pay End Abroad

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Government employees overseas will get tax-exempt cost-of-living and other allowances to replace the 25 per cent bonus pay to be cut off Jan. 1, it was learned yesterday.

The net gain or loss in take-home pay to Americans working in over-seas areas will not be known until the State Department and Civil Service Commission issue new regulations between now and Dec. 31.

Post differentials, cost-of-living and quarters allowances, which will vary from place to place, are being worked out.

Firecrackers Used In Home Fire Alarm Set-up

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—(AP)—Want a home fire alarm that costs only a few cents?

A Chattanooga safety leader says his system consists of firecrackers stuck in closets, basement, attic and other hazardous enclosures.

H. C. Harrington, former chief of the Rome, Ga., volunteer fire department and now a leader on the safety council here, says "Just use the firecrackers and you can be certain of never being trapped."

He said the alarm system had never been called upon at his house, but that several of his friends have been aroused when fire set off the firecrackers in their homes.

Many of Nation's Notables Began As Newspaperboys

In the United States there are more than half a million school boys in business for themselves. They are the Nation's newspaper-boys.

New York's Governor Thomas E. Dewey and California's Governor Earl Warren, Republican candidates for President, and Vice-President of the United States in the coming election, were in the same business when they were boys. So were Bob Hope, Red Skelton and any number of other well known men.

There are many successful men in every community who started out in the same business—as newspaper boys.

Because so many of yesterday's newspaper boys are today's leaders, and because so many of today's newspaper boys will be the leaders of tomorrow, the entire Nation salutes them on Oct. 2, which has been set aside as National Newspaper Boy Day.

While the average newspaper boy spends only about an hour a day in handling his paper business, his profits average 90 cents an hour. Some of the boys use their money for clothing, some save for a college education, others spend it on hobbies.

Each of these boys is learning how to do business—how to meet people, how to sell, how to collect his money and keep accounts, how to give service and figure profits.

No wonder so many newspaper boys become successful business men! Such training builds self-reliance and develops ability.

So hats off to the dependable and alert newspaper boys of America, not only on their special day, but on every day of the year.

Editorial Comment From The Oregon Press

ASSAYING THE NEW BLOOD

Oregon Statesman
Talk to almost any old-timer and he'll begin to lament that not so long ago he could nod hello to everyone he met on the street. But now, "Why, there are so many newcomers crowding in you hardly see a familiar face any more!"

People act as though the west's population boom was something new and unusual. Newspapers point with awe at Oregon's expansion and chambers of commerce are beside themselves. School superintendents sweat, businessmen polish their palms. And the old-timers just shake their heads.

"Although their region is burgeoning beyond belief, many people on the coast are not sure they welcome the newcomers," Richard L. Neuberger writes in the *New York Times*. Trailer camps and temporary housing projects fringing our cities are regarded with mixed feelings. The new negro population and foreign accents discordant to many western ears have brought up the problem of discrimination and bigotry.

Middle class communities, once only retail trading centers, eye-suspiciously the new industrial workers and immigrants become a convenient scapegoat for regional wrongs. Neuberger continues. Politicians, especially, feel that all moorings are loose. Most surveys show a preponderance of the migrants to be democrats and in Oregon, "the most congenially republican of any western state," that fact is not apt to be hailed, democrat Neuberger intimates.

"It is all rather confusing to the old-timers," he concludes. "Well, it shouldn't be. Immigration is not new to Oregon. People just haven't had it rubbed in so much before. But way back in 1838 the Oregon state planning board issued a report that if past trends continued more than one half of all future Oregonians will come from other states.

In 1930, the state's birth rate was only 141 per 1000 population, the lowest in the nation. Only New York and San Francisco counties had fertility rates lower than Multnomah county's, and Curry and Jefferson counties were the only ones who managed to keep up fairly well. Only 40 per cent of the 1930 population were native-born Oregonians. But in the 1920 to 1930 decade Oregon's population increase of 24.8 per cent was already higher than the national average—and migrants accounted for most of it.

Ten years ago the planning board was welcoming "the strength and energy infused by new blood... and more prolific people," and urging the state prepare to receive the continued migration. Although the board's es-

Convicted Killer Absolves 2 Others Awaiting Death

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—(AP)—A convicted murderer says a Priest's advice and the sight of doomed men trudging past his death house cell on their way to the electric chair led him to sign a statement absolving two men sentenced to die with him for a waterfront slaying.

Andre Sheridan, 46, formerly of Jersey City, N. J., was brought from the death house at Sing Sing prison to general sessions court Tuesday to tell his story.

Arguments were heard on a motion to set aside the conviction of John M. Dunn and Daniel Gentile, both of Queens. They and Sheridan were sentenced to death on first degree murder charges for the slaying of boss Stevedore Andrew Hinte Jan. 7, 1947, in a waterfront feud.

Dunn and Gentile also were awaiting execution in Sing Sing.

Last Aug. 7, Sheridan said in a sworn affidavit that the slaying was committed by Jeff Lepore, reported missing by his parents, and John Duff, who died recently.

Yesterday, Sheridan testified that he planned Hinte's slaying and supplied the weapons for the shooting.

Sheridan said he was clearing the other two men because he "talked it over with the Priest and he told me that I should make a complete confession of it to the authorities."

He added: "I thought it was the only decent thing to do, when two fellows who had nothing to do with it at all were going to die. I knew I was going to the chair in a short time."

Sheridan said he planned Hinte's murder because the boss Stevedore "was out to kill me."

Soften a small cake of cream cheese at room temperature and cream with a cup of confectioner's sugar; flavor with vanilla and thin with strong black coffee. Use to frost devil's food cake.

LETTERS to the Editor

Impressions of Roseburg Stress Opportunities

To the Editor: For three years and two months I have been a merchant in Roseburg, endeavoring to furnish transportation, trucks and cars to the residents of this city and county. With the acute shortage of materials, strikes and limited allotments of merchandise, the task has been a difficult one to say the least. I came to Roseburg from the Navy and the readjustment was difficult. Not at all like the lush days of 1939-40-41 with plenty of salable merchandise. Trouble then was finding the buyer.

I don't suppose any man in business can keep everyone satisfied and he, himself, makes mistakes. However, I do wish to thank the residents of this community and county for their tolerance and patronage. I have sold my business to Roy Smith, a capable merchant in his line and deserving of the community's support.

I believe Roseburg offers as fine an opportunity if not the best, of any town of its comparable size on the Pacific Coast to anyone seeking employment or a business future. I leave because of necessity for a change in climate to benefit my health, impaired because of an accident some nine months ago.

If California had the North Fork of the Umpqua, (let alone the South Fork), never would a commercial fisherman desecrate its waters. Tourists in years to come will make Roseburg and its environs really famous. I was in Beverly Hills, Los Angeles and San Francisco in May and all the people there talk about its their desire and intention to fish in the Umpqua, Diamond Lake, etc. and they want to know about the accommodations—revenue possibilities.

There is a mighty fine group of business men in Roseburg and with the help and hard work on the part of the Chamber of Commerce, the service clubs and the people as a whole, Roseburg can be if it wants to be, a top community from both a business standpoint and a recreation center. The *News-Review* is and always has been a recognized top paper.

I have enjoyed my associations here, and I leave most unwillingly and not permanently as I will be back to see how the fish bite in the North Fork before too long, how Ward Cummings and the Country Club keep progressing so nicely, and look with pride, I am sure, at Roseburg's future steady and permanent growth and development.

(Signed) RAY BUCKLEY

WINS FFA EMBLEM

WATERLOO, Iowa, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Leo Stephan of Warren, Ore., today was awarded a gold emblem for judging in Future Farmer of America competition at the National Dairy Congress. He was a winner in the judging of dairy products.

So the old-timers really should not be too surprised, nor should they look too disdainfully upon the new faces in the streets. Chances are that many of Oregon's present "old-timers" were members of the great wave of migrants settling here in 1935 and 1936.

Mix a tablespoon of cinnamon with two tablespoons of sugar and sprinkle the blend over hot buttered toast; place under the broiler for a few seconds.

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