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ORCHIDS FOR TODAY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Senator Thomas Parkinson's achievement in securing unanimous passage of amendments to the Umpqua closure act of 1947 in the Oregon Senate must set some sort of a record. The Umpqua bill, despite its controversial aspects, passed the 1947 Senate session by unanimous vote. To secure even one poll of the Senate on a controversial matter without at least one dissenting voice is an achievement within itself, but to have two such votes on record, particularly on sports vs. commercial fishing issues, we imagine sets some sort of precedent.

The unanimous Senate vote carries with it proof of the high esteem the Douglas County senator enjoys in the upper house. Although seldom heard in debate or sponsorship of legislation, he is known as a hard worker and an honest conscientious legislator. Consequently, measures given his sponsorship carry considerable personal prestige.

More than prestige, however, is required to obtain even a favorable vote in the Senate, without even considering the rarity of a unanimous opinion.

The Senate is divided politically. There is a wide separation in ages of members; much diversity of interest. Numerous factors contribute to differences of opinion on various matters of legislation.

The senator sponsoring a piece of legislation must contact every associate to solicit support. Debate on the floor seldom changes votes. Usually the matter has been thoroughly aired in personal arguments long before the bill comes up for action. The legislator who secures a favorable vote on a controversial issue has done much work prior to submission of his bill for decision.

There were, of course, issues in the Umpqua legislation to which no one could take exception. The 1947 Legislature passed a closure bill, but with an "incidental catch" clause. The intent of the Legislature was so patently abused through the "incidental catch" subterfuge, that the Legislature could hardly retain its own self respect if it failed to correct the original act. But some legislators definitely uphold the commercial fishing industry. Others are neutral in the perennial sports vs. commercial fish fight. Some are openly aligned with the sports interest. This is one proof that we have a representative Senate. To bring all these opinions into unanimous vote is an accomplishment of which one may well be proud. Senator Parkinson has done it not once but twice.

Herb Cox to Quit Association

H. J. "Herb" Cox, who has served the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's Association for the past 21 years as secretary-manager, has resigned his office.

He is to stay in the lumber industry—he couldn't quit that, so long as he breathes—but has not announced his future plans as yet.

Herb came from Nebraska in 1901 and was employed in various sawmill and logging jobs for more than 20 years before going to work for the lumbermen's association following its reorganization in 1928.

He has an outstanding record of accomplishments on behalf of the lumber industry, but his greatest contributions eventually will be recognized in promotion and pioneering the field of wood waste utilization. Herb has been preaching to the industry for many years that it must halt wasteful practices. He has crusaded for sustained yield forestry, tree farming and better land use. He was instrumental in securing for Oregon the alcohol-from-wood-waste plant built at Springfield during the war by the federal government. That plant has been made a political football and has been badly kicked around, but Cox has clung stubbornly to retention of this property, insisting that it be operated for the purpose for which it was built. It appears, now, that his long fight is to be rewarded.

Cox has not hesitated to voice his advanced thinking on industrial practices even though he aroused criticism from members of the association by which he was employed. But the industry belatedly has recognized the value of his pioneering effort.

In not too many years from now, we expect, wood waste utilization will be an important industry in Oregon. When that time comes, no small part of the credit must be awarded the determined and diligent Herb Cox.

Timid Male Camel Finally Yields to Cupid's Urge

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Hal (for Halliwell) and Sal now are very friendly.

This is the happy report emanating from Griffith Park Zoo, sponsor of a romance between Hal and a camel girl friend recently purchased for \$1,500. The idea was to raise some little two-humpers to trade with other zoos.

L. A. Reeves Presented With Odd Fellow Jewel

L. A. Reeves of Reedsport, longtime resident of the Lower Umpqua vicinity and retired barber, was presented with a 25-year Veteran's Jewel by Gardiner Lodge No. 132, I.O.O.F., in Gardiner Wednesday night. The presentation was made by Lee Teitzel, noble grand.

Reeves originally joined Reedsport Lodge, which later surrendered its charter. At that time he transferred his membership to Gardiner, where he at one time operated a barber shop.

Shirtcliff Purchases Hardware at Reedsport

Alfred Shirtcliff of Winchester Bay, former operator of the Winchester Bay Store and more recently clerk in the F. L. Taylor Hardware Store in Reedsport, has purchased the Del Monte Wholesale Meat truck from Arnold Duckett and will take over active management of the business Feb. 1.

Duckett, who purchased the business from Jerry Brimer, has not definitely decided what he will do, but is considering moving to Portland to make his home.



OUT OUR WAY



Something a high school teacher said to me stays in my thought. She was troubled because a pupil in her class had repeated a slur on the child's own religious faith, and the unnecessary, ill-bred (to say the least) remark had been made by another teacher. . . . It reminded me of an experience some years ago of which I had knowledge because the family concerned were former neighbors and had remained friends. The mother whom I admired for her courage, never-faltering faith through the depression, and her firm guidance of her five children, told me that D., her oldest, a lovely young freshman in junior college, had become increasingly irreverent, skeptical and had as a last straw looked at her mother one day in a smiling "superior" way that adolescents have at times, and remarked airily, "Oh, Mother, it's all right for you to believe those things if you like. You are old-fashioned. But OUR generation is thinking more sensibly. We don't believe all those stories in the Bible!" . . . The young girl, a particularly attractive, wholesome, until then unsophisticated girl, was taking a course (I forget what now) taught by a man who ignored the fact that although he himself was taking advantage of "freedom of speech," he was nevertheless committing mental piracy. Whatever his religious beliefs, if he had any, which seemed doubtful, did he have any right to thrust his mental concepts at the younger generation? "Religion in the schools" is talked about so much nowadays, but what about the opposite? Mental piracy that would undermine the loving faithful teaching of the ages-old truth which every Christian denomination accepts regardless of individual interpretation. Is that "teaching religion?" No, but isn't it teaching Religion? Is it not pernicious, subtle, poisonous? What right has a teacher in a public school to flatter youth so subtly by suggesting that their generation is "thinking for itself?" What right had that teacher to undermine the harmony and close relationship of a really fine home by suggesting that it was old-fashioned to believe in the Bible? What was back of that skilful, constant assault on the fortress of faith? You know—and I know. But youngsters, thrilled to be in college, conscious of their new "independence" are very susceptible to outside influences. This girl had been shocked at first, then amused along with the speaker, and then—she fancied she had progressed beyond her mother's simple faith. She refused to go to church . . . what was the mother to do?

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well as flatwise, so thick are they.) Hash-browns are piled enticingly on the side. The toast is buttered, and the plate groans under the weight of TWO cubes of extra butter.

Brace yourself at this point. The price named by the card is 75 cents, and when the check comes that's what it says. No shennannigans. Just ham and eggs (2) and hash-browns and toast and coffee for six bits—and the pleasant waitress plunks down a cup of coffee almost before you're seated and comes around with the pot about every four minutes.

A STORY much favored by my paternal grandfather flashes across my mind. In his town there was a half-wit whom everybody liked to play jokes on. There came an epidemic of cholera. People died like flies when the flit-gun goes into action. The mortuaries were crowded and rough pine boxes had to be substituted for more formal coffins. But the spirit of the indomitable people who pioneered this America of ours remained unbroken. They could play pranks in the face of the horrible death that a cholera epidemic entailed.

They caught the half-wit stiffer than a hitching post one night, waited until he passed out, lugged him to an undertaking parlor, parked him in a pine-box coffin flanked on every side by other pine-box coffins, and concealed themselves to wait till he came to.

As my granddaddy used to tell it, the victim of the joke came slowly to a sitting posture, looked about, saw the coffins all around and muttered thickly:

"Dead. Deader than hell. Died of the cholera. I reckon. Might as well relax and enjoy it."

Whereupon he settled back into the coffin and went to sleep.

By J. R. Williams

La Grande Publisher Files Against Weekly

LA GRANDE, Jan. 29.—(AP)—The daily newspaper here is suing a weekly La Grande newspaper for \$35,000 in a Circuit Court libel suit.

The Grande Ronde Valley Publishing Company, which publishes the Le Grande Observer, filed the suit yesterday against the Eastern Oregon Review. The suit said a Jan. 21 editorial in the Review accused the Observer of publishing news and editorials for personal gain.

Frank Schiro, editor and publisher of the Observer and secretary-treasurer of the publishing company, filed the suit, asking \$25,000 actual and \$10,000 punitive damages. Defendants named were C. J. Shorb, owner of the Review; E. E. Weiss, publisher, and Laura Mae Marshall, editor.

NAVIGATION HAMPERED

Ice is still hampering navigation in Smith River, from the mouth of North Fork to the Sulphur Springs landing at the head of tide. The ice has broken off from the river banks, now, and is floating with the tide, but in large pieces solid enough to damage the planking on a boat.

Morse Says Not Certain CVA Is Desirable Move

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Senator Morse (R-Ore.) is undecided about the proposed Columbia Valley Authority.

He said today that before reaching a decision he will want to study the legislation to be sent to Congress by President Truman and listen to testimony at public hearings.

"I am anything but convinced that we in the Pacific Northwest want any government agencies in control of our rivers based upon the Tennessee Valley pattern," Morse said.

"I say that because I think our economic problems are so very much different from those of the Tennessee Valley, that it does not follow that because the TVA has accomplished certain desirable results in its region of the country the same results would be accomplished by a like organization in the Pacific Northwest."

"Furthermore I think there are great differences in the social attitudes and economic needs of the people in the Columbia River region from those of the people of the Tennessee Valley."

"The people of the Pacific Northwest area are strong believers in a maximum of local self government and a minimum of federalization of the economic life of the area."

"I appreciate the fact that the forces of the Columbia River and the economic potentialities of those forces cross state lines and are a great natural resource of the entire Pacific Northwest region. But I do not think it follows that the best way for harnessing that resource in the interests of greater development of the northwest is through a Columbia Valley Authority."

Morse made his views known in a letter to Frank Schiro, of the Evening Observer at LaGrande, Ore., which he made public here. He told Schiro he believed that

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Glib Victim Induces Holdup Men to Accept Check

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—(AP)—A glib-tongued factory president talked a pair of robbers into accepting a check instead of cash last night.

Two men forced their way at gunpoint into the home of Harry A. Green, president of Doernbecher Furniture Manufacturing

Company Thursday. All he had in his pocket was \$10.

They forced him to open his vault, and were infuriated to discover that what he kept in it were bed sheets. The men tied him to a chair and threatened him.

Green talked persuasively. Presently, he told police, the trusting robbers unfastened his bonds and went away with a \$100 check he wrote them.

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