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AMATEUR HORSE RACES

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We have been informed that a suggestion made in this column recently that local race competition be made a part of the county fair horse racing program has been adopted. Arrangements are in progress, it is reported, to conduct a series of eliminations, featuring horses belonging to members of various saddle clubs throughout the county. Eliminations and semi-finals will continue during the early period of the meet. Horses will be ridden by amateur riders using stock saddles. Finals, however, will be under supervision of the racing commission, and will require professional jockeys and gear. Owners will not be permitted to ride in the final rounds.

No betting will enter into the preliminary or elimination matches. All betting, other than through pari-mutuel, is prohibited at any race meet under state supervision. Pari-mutuel wagers will be taken on the final race for county championship, however, as this contest will be given official status, which explains why owners will be barred from riding their own mounts.

We believe amateur races between locally owned horses and riders will arouse much interest and rivalry. It should be possible to stir up some heated competition between the various saddle clubs with which the county is so well supplied.

Anyone who can recall the first few rodeo parades and their displays of horsemanship and who compares those horses with the beautiful animals now seen whenever riders appear with their mounts, knows full well there has been a surprising improvement in the quality of horses within a comparatively few years. Racing competition will promote even better breeding.

Competition, according to present plans, is to be limited strictly to horses belonging to members of organized riding groups. This is done for the purpose of preventing introduction of "ringers." Professional breeders will be barred from entering animals in competition. Every precaution will be taken to keep the races strictly in the amateur class.

It is our opinion that over a period of years it will be possible to build up continuing and widespread interest in all-Douglas county amateur horse races. By conducting preliminary eliminations during the annual rodeo sponsored by the Sheriff's Posse, and holding semi-finals and finals during the county fair race meets, interest can be added to both events.

North Umpqua Elk To Be Protected

Umpqua Basin sportsmen have succeeded in obtaining protection for the small elk population in the upper Umpqua area.

The new State Game commission amended tentative hunting regulations by closing to elk hunting all of Douglas county east of highway 99. Tentative regulations would have permitted elk hunting in the eastern half of the county, which embraces the watersheds of the North and South Umpqua rivers.

Elk herds are just getting a good start in that region. Previously hunted to the point of extinction, only a few elk remained. But, during recent years, under protection, herds have started increasing. Some animals, which had been troublesome in agricultural areas of eastern Oregon, were trapped by the Game commission and moved to the North Umpqua. Other elk were removed from agricultural districts of Coos county and were transplanted to the Copeland creek watershed.

Reports are that several thriving but small herds are to be found in the eastern part of the county. However, they are just getting a good start and to permit hunting now would not be in line with good conservation practice.

It is becoming necessary to reduce elk herds in many parts of the state because of damage to farm crops. The Umpqua herds at present are ranging higher elevations and few have appeared on lands used for farming purposes. These herds can expand very materially before they become troublesome and can be made available for excellent shooting in future years when hunting in other parts of the state becomes limited.

Local sportsmen made vigorous protest against the proposal to open the area and they appreciate the action of the Game commission in honoring their requests.

"Taft-For-President"

Drive Begun In House

WASHINGTON, July 25. — (AP) — A "Taft-for-president" drive was started in the House yesterday by R. P. Mason (R-Ill.). He predicted that if Senator Taft is re-elected in Ohio next year "nothing can stop him from becoming the republican presidential candidate in 1952."

"That means 'Bob and Martha' would occupy the rebuilt White House," Mason added in a speech prepared for delivery.

"Bob Taft may have neither mass appeal nor political color," he added, "but he does have what it takes, brains, guts and integrity — qualities altogether too scarce today in legislative halls."

Punchboard Outlawing

Portland Mayor's Plan

PORTLAND, July 26. — (AP) — Mayor Dorothy Lee said Monday she planned to introduce an ordinance outlawing all punchboards in Portland.

The mayor said she made up her mind after happening across

a punchboard in a drug store and finding it was not a question-and-answer board. Theoretically, that type is based on skill and is the only kind allowed under the anti-gambling laws.

Mayor Lee found hers wasn't questions-and-answers by trying it. She spent 15 cents "and didn't win anything," she said.

Fortune Found During

Attic Cleaning Task

MARGATE, Eng., July 26. — (AP) — Mrs. Frankie Mackie, cleaning her attic found a dirty napkin pinned together in the drawer of an old chest.

She undid it and out rolled \$5,000 (\$20,000) worth of rings, brooches and bracelets set with rubies, emeralds and diamonds.

Her husband decided it must be the loot from a 1337 jewel robbery at the Queen's hotel where he was night porter. He was given the chest after the hotel closed in 1939 but had never thought to look inside.

Mackie turned the jewelry over to police.

He Can't See The Forest For The Trees



Scapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnnett S. Martin

The manager of the dress shop was with me in the fitting room when a customer walked to the back of the shop, where we were:

"Oh," she said with a beaming smile, "I just thought I'd stop in and tell you how pleased I am with this dress. It washes so well, and feels so good. I do like it so much."

You should have seen the saleswoman's smile! After the lady and her small boy had gone back into the street, Miss P— said, happily:

"That will keep me happy for a week! Of course I think customers are satisfied when they keep coming back, but to have anyone take the trouble to stop in and tell me—like that! Oh, wasn't it nice of her!"

We chatted about salesmanship. It wasn't hard to see why her customers came back: I shall be one of them from now on.

I don't know a thing about salesmanship. But I do know that I don't like to be high-pressure; I don't like to be told, if the dress doesn't fit, that it's, so to speak, my fault! After all, sometimes I can put on a dress

and it doesn't need a thing by way of alteration. So I can't be exactly a freak, I tell myself when a saleswoman takes that attitude. I remember once the same saleswoman telling me (she was zig-zagging between two fitting rooms) first that "my arms were extra long" and then when a third dress had sleeves that covered my rings she said in explanation, "Oh, your arms really must be short!"

I hate to try on dresses (who doesn't, if hair is in braids?) unless I'm just about sure it's what I want. So when I do shop for a dress I have a feeling of appreciation when a saleswoman really thinks about me instead of, it would appear, merely getting rid of a dress by selling it to me! It's comforting and makes one have confidence in a woman who says:

"That dress isn't right for you; I think I can do better," and is pleasant about it. One who has a hostess air. One who doesn't tell you somebody else is going to get it if you don't take it now, if you hesitate. My invariable reaction to that is, although I don't say it: let them have it!

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

THE WRONG REMEDY

(The Bend Bulletin)

It isn't tough yet, possibly it won't get really tough, but everybody who is paying any attention whatever to business knows that there is over-production in some lines, which has led to price reduction (not unwelcome) and payroll reduction (most unwelcome), that savings have diminished, although there is still a comfortable cushion of personal accumulations and that buyers are increasingly reluctant. The records indicate that unemployment has become more of a problem. Jobs are easier to lose and harder to find. Things can get worse before they get better.

Sometimes we have been chided, with varying degrees of harshness, for what critics call our pessimism in matters economic. We told, for example, that it is such people as we who are "talking the country into a depression." This is all poppycock of course and not even high grade poppycock. It comes not infrequently from some of the people who, back in 1939 were sounding off with the theory that "What business needs is a good war. There is no such thing as a good war any more than there is such a thing as talking a country into a depression. Nor is there any connection between the two ideas. It just happens that they are often entertained by the same people, which probably has some significance if you stop to work it out.

Recession, depression, whatever the name of the moment, does not come about as the result of recognition of an existing condition. Nor can it be eliminated by refusal to recognize it. We can crack our skulls against the stone wall as effectively with our eyes closed as with them open. Lack of personal awareness does not remove the obstacle. On the other hand, with eyes open, the damage may be lessened. Sometimes the danger may be detoured. We do not think that it is pessimistic to keep eyes open or to suggest that others do likewise. We believe that it may still be possible to avert disaster and that the greatest over-all possibility lies

with federal government. It is there that there is the greatest waste; it is there that the greatest opportunity for saving exists—a saving to be passed on to the taxpayer, who, presently, is going to have less spending money than heretofore and whose lack is going to be reflected in the general prosperity. If the tax demand on his pocketbook is lessened, he may continue as a constant factor in the equation rather than as a diminishing one.

All this, as we have put it down, seems pretty fundamental. But, lest we be criticized again—this time for emphasizing anything so elementary—let us observe that the Washington, D. C. school of economists, headed or followed (we're not quite sure which) by the president, has some very different ideas. It and he recognize the slackening economic situation; we do have that much in common. They cannot see the virtue of government savings for the benefit of the individual.

On the contrary, the remedy which is being prepared for the nation's economy is simply more squandering. Back in the thirties it was tried—again and again and again. The well was pretty dry. It was possible to pump out the water that was poured in for priming—or most of it—but that was about all. There is no record that it produced any lasting results except to add vastly to the national debt. This is what Washington "economists" have in mind now. Squandering, apparently, is an obsession with them as was blood

letting with the medical practitioners of not many centuries ago. Then, virtually any and every ailment was treated by bleeding the patient, often to the point where he had no longer strength to resist the disease that plagued him. It mattered not what the malady nor how weak the sufferer, he must be bled, often repeatedly, sometimes fatally.

The witless spending which is the administration's panacea for all economic ills was known a decade ago as pump priming and we have referred to it as such. But it reminds us more strikingly of the senseless blood letting in earlier practice of the healing art. And, it occurs to us this nation has had quite enough blood letting, both actual and economic. Saving, not spending, is indicated.

DOES PACIFIC NORTHWEST WANT A CVA?

(Salem Capital Journal)

Secretary of the Interior Krug has now stated clearly what the opponents of a Columbia Valley Administration have feared most: If a CVA is established, it will be run the way Washington, D. C., wants it run.

The people of the Columbia river valley would have to accept what the trio of hand-picked directors said should be done for the Pacific Northwest. A bureaucratic regime would gradually hogtie, instead of develop, the region.

Krug came out flatly Thursday in testimony in Washington against a "home-rule plan" for the proposed CVA. "It is of paramount importance that the president and congress retain control of a program requiring such large federal expenditures," Krug declared.

At the same time, however, the secretary of the interior said if the people of the area were against such federal domination of affairs then "we should find some other means of developing a river basin." He would let the representatives in congress from the region indicate whether or not the "people back home" were for a CVA. He didn't want those people to vote on the proposition, however, since that would be "impractical."

That leaves the matter where it has stood from the start: A CVA to work must admittedly be dominated by Washington. So the best solution to development of the river basin country is for the interested states to unite their efforts in their development program. Then the congressmen can present the needs in Washington closely with the existing government agencies.

This latter, regional plan demands intelligent, forward-looking leadership on the part of the Pacific Northwest. Certainly that leadership can be found.

VETO ON PELTON DAM? The Oregon Statesman

When the state hydroelectric commission ruled that applicants for a license to build Pelton dam on the Deschutes must get approval of the state fish commission, it virtually rejected the application. For the fish commission is already on record in opposition. It is building a hatchery of its own on the stream hoping to initiate a good-sized run of salmon. It is very doubtful if it would consent to substitution of another hatchery with the Deschutes blocked by a high dam.

The Deschutes Metolius has not been at all important as a salmon stream; but commercial

In the Day's News

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see gray. What he sees is always WHITE or BLACK. What he is for he is FOR. What he is against he is AGAINST.

Characteristically, he opens the long-awaited British campaign with a slashing attack. His opponents, he thunders, "have squandered the reserves and the resources which had been gathered in the past. . . They have darkened and harrowed the future of every man, woman and child in this famous island."

He rasps out: "Every other country west of the iron curtain has made a better postwar comeback than Britain—even beaten Germany and Italy."

He concludes: "The cure for this country's condition is to return to a system which provides incentives for effort, self-denial, initiative and good housekeeping."

CHURCHILL is the leader of the Conservative party—which is out of power. The leader of the Labor party, which is IN power, is Clement Attlee. Attlee comes back at Churchill in the same strain. He says:

"The new Conservative party platform . . . is one of the most dishonest documents I have ever read. The Conservative program—announced this morning and amplified today by Party Leader Winston Churchill—is only a great piece of window dressing."

He adds: "The Conservative party has never been able to put forward a real alternative policy to that of the Labor party . . . they indulge in wholesale abuse of the government and suggest that somehow or other things would have been better if they had been in power."

"Things wouldn't have been better. I shudder to think what would have happened had they (the Conservatives) had control of Britain."

THE Labor party, if returned to power in the long political campaign that has just been officially opened, will go on doing more of the same. That is to say, it will lead Britain still farther along the socialism road.

The Conservative party, in its program just announced, promises to "halt socialism at home and communism in the world over." It pledges itself to STOP nationalization of the steel industry, which is now under consideration in parliament. It promises to restore PARTS of the already nationalized highway trucking industry to private "or municipal" owners.

It will "introduce decentralization into the nationalized coal mines, railroads, gas and electricity and restore as wide a measure of private enterprise AS POSSIBLE to civil aviation."

BUT—It pledges to "KEEP health service, old age pensions and other social benefits" while cutting out waste and boosting efficiency to lower costs.

EVEN the British Conservatives, you see, have bowed to the inevitability of the welfare state in Britain.

fishermen want to save all the rivers they can because of the blocks to salmon migration by high dams on the Columbia and Willamette.

Time is passing swiftly. The sponsors may conclude that in view of the delays and the opposition they may as well wait out till 1953 and McNary dam put juice on the line. A shut-down in aluminum production in northwest plants would give a substantial surplus. The squeeze may not be as tight as has been advertised.

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LETTERS

to the Editor

Communism Likened To Creeping Paralysis

ROSEBURG—A little girl with her mother, entering a building where confusion and tumult held sway, exclaimed, "Mother, where are we at?" A childlike expression but a question we may well ask as we weigh the national and international news.

Many who have a fear of communism do not realize that socialism is only being used to promote communism.

Our papers talk, yes, talk in print, about the "iron curtain," across the waters. A curtain is used to shut out something undesirable or, if it be of iron, presumably to shut in something the outside desires to see.

Communism doesn't drop down upon a nation like snow or rain. It creeps upon a nation like paralysis on the human body.

Dr. Gilbert has this to say to the argument that a little socialism mixed in would be an advantage: "Let us consider a couple of samples of their reasoning. Fundamental Americans declare that a man's home is his castle. The American way is for all our people to live in dwellings they have bought or are buying or renting from others on the basis of private, personal contract. Socialism proposes that citizens shall live in housing provided for them by the national government. The families of the nation shall have a centralized bureaucracy as their landlord."

There are those who argue that by allowing some socialized housing we can in the main protect our free enterprise. No, a thousand times no! That would be like cutting a hole in a dam. The water would come in and soon

wear the hole and crack the dam and all we held dear would be gone.

Our system of free enterprise has been encouragement to the medical profession. Socialized medicine would mean a drop back to no ambition for advancement and a slipping into a carelessness, unthinkable on the part of the profession.

Another phase of this unrest can be seen in our schools where both evolution and communism have crept into school books. We safeguard our homes against vandalism and theft, yet we have allowed them both freedom of sway in our schools—the very bulwark of our nation.

So we can say with the little girl, "Where are we at?"

Let us, as American citizens, think!

MRS. EMMA P. WOODS
Roseburg, Ore.

Chevrolet Is Planning New Production Boost

PLINT, Mich., July 26. — (AP) — Chevrolet is planning another boost in passenger car production. The addition of a second work shift at Chevrolet's local plant and Fisher body No. 2 is set for Aug. 8, it was learned. An estimated 500 additional workers will be required.

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