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PARKINSON RETIRES

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The statement by Senator Tom Parkinson that it is be-
coming "too complicated" to serve in the legislature and at
the same time operate a private business is alarming.

It becomes doubly alarming as we look at the long list of
veteran and stalwart members of both houses who also have
announced within the past few weeks that they will not seek
reelection.

Oregon has been extremely fortunate in the calibre of
its legislators. With but few exceptions we have had men of
honesty and integrity willing to sacrifice time and money to
serve in the legislative department.

But the state has grown rapidly. Growth of population,
business and industry has brought many critical problems;
problems of taxation, highways, schools, state institutions,
management of resources, economic and social welfare and
hundreds of others. It no longer is possible for the legisla-
ture to meet for a comparatively few weeks to handle the
state's lawmaking requirements. Sessions now drag into
months. Every legislator, unless subsidized, must make a
sacrifice of money, even though compensation has been in-
creased from time to time. Fortunately, we have had men
who, like Senator Parkinson, have been willing to make those
sacrifices. But we are imposing too much upon them. An
alarming number of experienced men have announced they
can take it no longer.

Reorganization Necessary

Unless something is done to lessen the sacrifice of
time and money demanded of our legislators, the extremely
high calibre of service in that department of our state gov-
ernment is apt to suffer.

The existing trend, if it progresses, is apt to lead to
a legislature composed principally of wealthy men who
play the game of politics as a hobby, and/or men sub-
sidized by special interests having selfish motives to
serve. Should such condition result, the legislature
would cease to be a truly representative body.

Some plan of reorganization must be undertaken, we
believe. We must find some method making it possible
for men of moderate means, men who are representa-
tive of the people, to serve in our legislature. Various
suggestions have been offered. One is more adequate
compensation, thus relieving legislators of the necessity
of paying money from their own pockets for the privi-
lege of serving the state. Another is to call principal
committees into session ahead of the regular meeting of
the legislature, paying members for their time, and pre-
paring in advance the major legislation scheduled for the
session, thus shortening the time required for the meeting.

It is apparent that some alteration in organization
is essential if we are to preserve the high character of
our state legislature.

Parkinson Gave Fine Service

Parkinson has given fine service to the state during
his 10 years as senator from Douglas County. Time and
again he has been mentioned by qualified observers
as one of the able members of the Senate. He has com-
manded the respect of his fellow members for his hon-
esty, integrity and diligence.

Parkinson has been guided by the principle that it is
as important to kill bad legislation as to pass good legisla-
tion. Consequently he has worked aggressively against
proposals he believed to be wrong and just as aggressively
for those he believed to be right. He has consistently
been one of the Senate leaders in matters pertaining to
education, serving not only on the committee on educa-
tion but also in interim studies. He has worked hard
on youth problems and social welfare. He has been a
stalwart in the agricultural bloc. He also has fought vig-
orously in the field of conservation.

His work has been of the highest character, pleasing
to his constituents and appreciated by fellow senators,
who demonstrated time and again their respect for his
opinions.

It is the state's loss when men such as Parkinson
find the service "too complicated to permit them to con-
tinue. The list of similarly placed veterans is such as
to promote alarm. The impending danger of deteriora-
tion in the legislative branch of government because of
this situation deserves the serious consideration of every
citizen of the state.



"Dear Neighbor," writes Mrs. C. M. S. "We live down the road about two and one-half miles from your place. We enjoy the Mending Basket very much. My husband read the item about the men across the Elk and laughed. Said if you thought it was noisy up there, you should be where he is, on the donkey all day, and hear those brakes screech right in your ears. It is the brakes on the donkey that screech, and not the lines. By the way, the donkey is on your side of the Elk."

Thanks Mrs. S. I guess the one who said that noise was the high line was using the same kind of figure of speech as when we say the kettle is boiling. I never knew the difference. The first association in my memory with donkeys not the kind one rides - was when Dad and I used to walk from Brooklyn Bridge around to the Battery, and stop now and then to watch a donkey engine aboard some merchantman lazily oper-
ating a crane picking up cargo and lowering it into the hold. Other-
wise I might have thought a
screeching donkey was a job for



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON—I do not pout because I failed to
get an invitation to the recent Eisenhower rally in New
York, but I do maintain that if it was supposed to prove
the General is a red hot candidate for the GOP nomina-
tion, then politics is getting sillier by the moment.

The facts are that the General is either getting bash-
ful or the promises of his backers are coming home to
haunt them. I thought Ike was all set for the big show,
but now I'm beginning to wonder.

Senators Lodge and Duff have
assured us he has dived into the
political pool and is swimming
upstream with the strategic acumen
and the battle-field bravery that
characterized his mastery of the
German and Italian Legions dur-
ing the war.

But we find the General today,
if the evidence at hand can be re-
lied on, musing to himself at his
Paris Headquarters while await-
ing reassurance that he is wanted
at home for a tour of duty at the
White House. It seems unlikely
that his backers would have rushed
several reels of film of the rally
to him in Paris unless they were
called upon to prove a point on
which there is doubt. Surely, with
all his duties, the General has little
time to look at movies for amuse-
ment.

I go along with the claim that
it cost a great deal of money and
required a lot of work to engineer
the mammoth rally in New York
for the General. But the fact re-
mains that the Stork Club, whose
smoky social set atmosphere per-
vaded the rally, is not yet the
headquarters for the Republican
National Committee, so it is dif-
ficult to assay the worth or real
significance of the venture. For me
the recent \$1.20 box dinner for
GOP fans in Washington makes
more political sense.

I hope the General liked the show.
But if he buys a bill of goods
as a result of the demonstration
in New York, then he has a hefty
shock ahead when and if he re-
turns to his native land for a tour
of the political hustings. With the
same bundle of cash as was spent
in New York, a demonstration of
approximately the same size and
confusion could be undertaken, say
for Alf Landon, or practically any
other well-known politician, how-
ever politically dead. It's been done
lots of times before, once for Wen-
dell Wilkie, who, compared to Eis-
enhower, acted as though he really
wanted the job.

A ground swell consists of more
than two or three reels of loud
sounds and badly painted placards,
plus an arena full of bobby soxers
and Broadway showgirls. They can
all be bought with little or no ef-
fort; a real ground swell can't be
bought. Nobody doubts that the General is
popular, if that is what the rally
set out to prove; but so are Arthur
Godfrey and Lana Turner, and I
hear no clarion calls for their can-
didacies.

Maybe the Eisenhower rally
meant more than was visible to
most seasoned politicians. If so,
it will be the first ground swell
ever to emerge from Manhattan
Bistros, except in the minds of
Broadway columnists.

We can't stand much hokum now-
adays from the General, and he
can't afford any from Lodge or
Duff. We get enough of that from
the White House. These are serious
times and there are serious issues
at hand. So if Ike's backers are
sugar-coating his candidacy, then
they are doing a disservice not
only to the General but to the
country as well.

We heard at the start of the so-
called Eisenhower candidacy, and
we have been hearing ever since,
that the General entered the race
only because he felt there was a
demand for his doing so. Many ch-

Melrose Board Plans Replot Of Cemetery

By NETTIE WOODRUFF

A meeting with the board of
directors present to discuss mat-
ters concerning the Melrose Cem-
etery was held at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. Howard Kaiser, Monday
evening. Others present were: Joel
R. Fenn, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dan-
iels and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wood-
ruff. On Thursday, Mr. and Mrs.
Woodruff brought James Daugh-
try to Melrose to make plans to
replot the cemetery.

Melrose News Briefs:

Mrs. Toppings has been staying
in Roseburg the past two weeks
caring for her daughter's family
while she, Mrs. Maxine Simons,
recovers from major surgery.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Felts and
daughter, Judy, of Willets, Calif.,
are staying at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. K. L. Matthews and fam-
ily this week. Mrs. Felts, who will
be remembered here as Jewel
Green, was called to Roseburg be-
cause of the serious illness of her
father, Mr. White.

Keith McDaniels of Callahan
Trail visited with his family in
Roseburg Friday. He reported six
feet of snow this winter on the
mountain where he lives.
Mrs. George Showers went to
Corvallis Wednesday with Mrs.
Walters of Riversdale, Mrs. Moore
and Mrs. Crouch of Camas Valley,
to attend the state Grange lectur-
er's school. They returned Friday
evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Busenbark
are grandparents again. A son was
born to their son - in - law and
daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hol-
lister of Springfield, Feb. 14.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Reece and
Roger made a business trip to
Eugene, Tuesday.

Boy Scouts Defeat Fathers

The Boy Scouts defeated their
fathers in the basketball game
Wednesday night played at the
Lookingglass gym. Fathers taking
part in the game were: Vern Wool-
en, Eddie Reece, Art Herriman, Stan-
ley Sjogren, Alfred Daniels, Lee
Brown, Jess Dillon and Bert
Young. The game was arranged by
leaders Bert Young and Vern Wool-
en.

Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Busenbark
spent Sunday in Springfield visit-
ing their son-in-law and daughter,
Mrs. and Mrs. Fred Hollister.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hoffman en-
tertained Mr. and Mrs. Charles
Johnson and Leon, Duane, Emmie
and Johnny; Mr. and Mrs. Roy
Barnhart, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack
Garey at a dinner party Sunday
evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nye have
gone to Arizona where Mr. Nye
will receive medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Greer and
children, LeRoy, Cathy and Don-
na, visited with Mrs. Greer's par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Shobert, at Rid-
dle, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tjomsland
visited with Mr. and Mrs. P. C.
Trozelle of Sutherland, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Merritt and
family of Coos Bay spent Sunday
with Mrs. Merritt's mother, Mrs.
Mina Becker, of Cleveland Com-
munity.

The Army said that the majority
of the organized reserve officers
now on active duty will be re-
quired to complete 24 months of
active service.

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may be released earlier but in no
event before their 20th month of
active duty.

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GUEST SPEAKER at the Rotary Club's luncheon meeting in the Umpqua Hotel Thursday was Miss Anne C. Armstrong, seated center, regional field advisor, Camp Fire Girls, Inc. She was in Roseburg to visit the local council of Camp Fire Girls. During the program she outlined the principles of the organization, and the activities being sponsored by it. At left is Mrs. Tom Pargeter, Roseburg Council president, and at the mike is Arlo Jacklin, president of the Rotary Club. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)

Washington Woman Hexed By 15-Year-Old African

"God punish you and all yours . . . punish all what you love . . ."

These angry words from the heart of black Africa were
received in a postage-due letter by Mrs. Alba Bartholomew
of Bingen, Wash. Mrs. Bartholomew is a friend of Mrs. L. J.
Fullerton of Winston. The story reached the latter by way
of a newspaper article, sent by her sister, telling in detail of
the hex put upon their mutual friend.

The hex culminated a series of
four letters which began in 1950. On
her husband's advice, Mrs. Bartholomew
did not answer the letters, nor
is she able to ascertain how
a magazine with her name and
address fell into the possession of
one J. I. Okele of Nigeria, British
West Africa. But that's how the
one-sided correspondence began.
Mr. Okele, according to infor-
mation contained in his letters before
he became angry, is 15 years old.
His wife is 10.

Wanted A Few Things

In his lengthy letter Mr. Okele
assured Mrs. Bartholomew of his
"Christian blessing" in exchange
for certain items: fountain pens,
Bibles, reading books, shirts,
ladies travel bag, bedsheet, soap
and table knives.

To emphasize his need for these
and other articles, he went on to
say, "My Mother she can not be
able to get money. She is very old.
I have two step brother but they
are nothing go me. They are like
strangers to me."

And then in closing, "Urgently
reply I beg. I will stop so far and
rest because now is almost nine
o'clock also so dark. I have to
close the door and go to bed. I
will prayer before go to bed."

The letter closed with the Lord's
prayer.

Mr. Okele waited for a year for
his presents, and then his patience
wore thin. It was then, in his anger,
that he put the hex on the Wash-
ington woman.

"Do you not received my regis-
tered letter. There are two. God
punish you and all yours. Again
God punish you and punish your
mother, your father, punish all
what you love. Go to hell. You are
nothing but bogos. If you are
writing me as I write you nothing
can matter. God punish you. J. I.
Okele."

A picture of the African author
and his wife were enclosed, in
which they appeared to be under-
fed and inadequately clothed. Hu-
man slavery in Nigeria was abol-
ished only in 1917, and life among
the natives is still described as
"miserable." Not until very recent-
ly did the British make any con-
cessions for their welfare.



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Boy Scouts Plan Camp Trip For Month's End

Plans were made for a camping
trip the latter part of this month
at a potluck dinner for Boy Scout
Troop 133, Feb. 12. The dinner was
sponsored by the Riverside PTA.
During a Court of Honor, Gary
Schoonover and Dennis Griffin
were invested into the troop as
tenderfeet.
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