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FACTS AND EMOTION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Oregon's fishermen, both sports and commercial, are unreasonable and emotional, in the opinion of *The Oregon Journal*. Because both sports and commercial fishing interests are vigorously opposed to the construction of high dams, which destroy the fishery resource, they are soundly chastised by *The Journal*.

The editorial writer commented upon a recent hearing in Portland in which the proposed Pelton Dam on the Deschutes river was debated by representatives of the Portland General Electric Company, which is preparing to build the dam and power plant, and Rollin E. Bowles, Isaac Walton League attorney.

The proponents, said the editorial writer, "have most of the facts on their side." Opponents, he observed, "have the more emotional appeal."

The rabid sports fishermen and to a lesser degree the commercial fishermen will never yield, right or wrong. They use the same argument every time a dam is proposed. "Don't build this dam. It will destroy our fish runs. Build somewhere else." Then if it is proposed to build somewhere else they present the same argument almost word for word: "Don't build this dam; build somewhere else."

Thus it becomes patent that our sports fishermen aren't interested in facts. They aren't interested in power needs. They aren't interested in comparing jobs and economic values. All they're interested in is fish, and we might as well face it.

What Are The Facts?

The writer of *The Journal's* editorial declares that the "facts" are on the side of the proponents.

We would like to inquire, what facts? *The Journal* lists:

The need for the power, the economic values, the law, the extreme care taken to preserve and increase salmon runs (now admittedly small) and the safeguards set up in the federal power commission's permit to protect existing water rights.

Those unquestionably are facts. They are "dollar" facts. It is possible to measure with a fair degree of accuracy the economic value of a specified number of kilowatts. But who can measure the economic value of a fish swimming in a river.

Oregon has recklessly destroyed its recreational resource for the sake of the Almighty Dollar. We have critically endangered our once abundant water supply. Take a look at the streams you know as they existed a few years ago and then compare them with their condition today. Recreation is Big Business. But it is hard to measure its true values in dollars and cents. So the abstract values are sacrificed to the immediate economic return with absolute disregard for the future.

Certainly the appeal by fishermen is emotional. It cannot be otherwise, for abstract future values can't be measured in immediate dollar returns as can the output of a generating plant.

Fishermen Look To Future

Who are these fishermen who "aren't interested in comparing jobs and economic values?"

We could mention offhand, the head of a large industrial concern, a merchant, a district agent for one of the nation's large insurance concerns, a lawyer, a garageman, a mill worker, filling station operator, a farmer and even an editor. In fact, there's some half million of us in the State of Oregon who buy fishing licenses. We represent virtually every business, every profession, every occupation. We own businesses, homes and farms. We pay taxes. Yet we are told we have no interest in the state's economy.

We believe the fishermen we know—and we know a lot of them—are more interested in the state's economy than those who would sacrifice the state's resources for the immediate, in-pocket dollar, robbing future generations of the heritage we should be preserving for them.

Are we to exploit our resources for their immediate cash returns with no effort to limit damages and losses? Is Pelton Dam and its power output more valuable over the long period of years than the recreational values of rivers serving one of Oregon's richest playgrounds? Are we to accept the word of selfish power interests that their project will do virtually no damage to the fishery against declarations of expert biologists that irreparable damage will be done? Has it been fully determined that the power project could not be handled with comparable efficiency through use of a low-head diversion dam and conduit, albeit at greater cost, and thus have both power and fish? Are all of life's values to be measured in dollars and cents?

Emotional? Sure it's emotional. What else can we offer?

Japan, Alaska Well Guarded By Radar-Guided Fighters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two possible "Pearl Harbors"—Japan and Alaska—are being guarded by new radar guided jet fighters that fly through night and storm to seek out and destroy armed aerial invaders.

Lockheed Aircraft Corp., makers of the F-94 interceptor jets, announced this Tuesday night, with permission of the Air Force.

The announcement said F-94's are now operating under the Alaskan Air Command in the 57th Fighter-Interceptor Group. In reply to queries, the Air Force said the equivalent of a group—normally 3 planes—of the all-weather jets is now based in Japan as part of the 13th Air Force.

Their missions: In Japan, to protect American installations from any sudden attack by Red forces, either those of China or the Soviet Union. In Alaska, to guard against any Russian bombing strike or airborne seizure of Alaskan airfields and to intercept any long-range invasion along the Polar path from Russia to the United States.

The F-94 is a two-seater, carrying a pilot and a radar observer. On

his radarscope in the plane, the observer locates an enemy craft and guides the pilot to a point where his radar-guided guns can make the kill.

Lockheed's announcement emphasized the state of alertness of air defense in the strategic North. It said F-94's are spotted constantly on runways, ready for instant take off. Crews, full dressed in Arctic clothes, stand by on the ready.

When ground radars signal the approach of an unidentified plane the jets take off—even if it only turns out to be a straggling bush pilot or an airliner straying off course.

The U.S. Army adopted the 24-hour clock system on July 1, 1952.

"How Much?"



"Taint fair! Taint fair, I tell you! Everybody talking all the time about how RAINY Oregon is—and when they go dealing out the rainfall records, not even one mention of Oregon. What state gets the honor of having the record rainfall? You guessed it, Texas! Taint fair. (But isn't that just like Texas? Even the biggest rain!)"

Well, I think somebody slipped around. Now let's see. Here is an item from the National Geographic Society: "A Texas town named Thrall had a more intense short-term rain. . . . On September 9, 1921, an 48-hour storm brought down a record 26.4 inches of rain—three solid feet."

Now here in the World Almanac it says: The heaviest rain ever recorded in the United States flooded low sections of Lake Charles, La. The rainfall totaled 15 1/2 inches of rain from 6 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (six hours)! The U. S. Weather Bureau office in New Orleans said this was a national record. The greatest previous six-hour fall recorded by the Weather Bureau was 14.16 inches at Taylor, Texas, in 1921."

Now let's have a look-see in the Texas Almanac which is two-

thirds the size of the one devoted to the entire world. Never one word about Thrall except in the list of towns where we learn it is in Williamson county—so is Taylor—and has 436 inhabitants. The average precipitation for Williamson county, as recorded by Taylor, is 24.78 so in 1921 they must have had plenty of rain all right. The Texas Almanac also says:

"Seventeen inches fell in Williamson county during the first calendar day of the storm, and 13 inches on the second calendar day. Not one word about 36" in Thrall. In a 24 hour period overlapping parts of these two days the astounding precipitation of 23.11 inches was recorded." Now 13 plus 17 equals . . . oh, shall we skip the whole thing and just quote a few words from a letter, also in the Texas Almanac, but reputedly written by "A Texas Visitor?"

"If the alfalfa grown in Texas were baled and built into a stairway it would reach the pearly gates. If all the hogs in Texas were one hog, he would be able to dig the Panama Canal in three roots. If all the Texas steers were one big steer . . ."

Want to hear the rest of it?

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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ing federal power and by so doing they could send back a lot of our governmental functions to the state houses and the court houses and the city halls, where it once resided but from which it took flight as the welfare state, based upon a "continuing gentle rain of government checks," began to spread in our minds the poisonous idea that if we only VOTE RIGHT we can live without work by the bounty of the politicians.

As to the first, let's remember this:

In the United States of America, the people are the source of government. A RIVER CAN'T RISE HIGHER THAN ITS SOURCE. That is to say: If the people are careless, or negligent, or TOLERANT OF CORRUPTION, the government will become inefficient and corrupt.

As to the second, I think most thoughtful people will agree that the farther government gets from the people the more inefficient and corrupt it tends to become.

Our big cities have got TOO big. They are so vast and cumbersome and complex that their people can no longer take a genuine personal interest in their city government. Most of them have become corrupt, as we of the small places think of political corruption. What we can do about that, I don't know. We could pass a law, of course, providing that cities can become only so large. But it wouldn't do any good. It would be like the curfew laws in most of our cities and towns. They were passed in the first place as a pious gesture, and then they were forgotten. Nobody pays any attention to them any more. It would be the same way with a law limiting the size of cities.

Personally, I'm pretty sure that laws that are kept on the books BUT NOT ENFORCED tend to promote inefficiency and corruption.

The problem of the TOO BIG city is one that we just haven't even begun to solve yet.

If the people, who hold the vote, and therefore are still the source of all political power in America, should become aroused and concerned and determined to do something about it, we COULD check the growth of TOO BIG federal government.

We could clip the wings of soar-

Reader Opinions

Better Home Examples Needed For Juveniles

BROCKWAY — I would like to speak my mind on our delinquency problem.

I believe that the parents, and elders in general, should be given to understand that they must set a cleaner, more honest and straight-forward program before our teen-agers if we expect them to do just so-so. There is just this much about it all in my mind: "This home is what the mother makes it," and "Like father, like son."

Our children do not need to be entertained seven days and nights of a week and they would not ask to be, if we, the parents, would take time to give them a little honest love and understanding in the home. But we do not have time. We are so very busy.

Our childless elders seem to do everything they think they can get away with. As for our police force, let them do a little better job of keeping on the job. I know an older man right here in our neighborhood who has been giving the police the slip on driver's license for several years, and he thinks he is being very clever about it. Now isn't that a good picture for some young fellow who wants to drive and does not yet have a license?

As to the liquor and sex problems, there, too, we kick them out and throw it in their faces. So what can we expect from our offspring?

Until we ourselves refrain, we need a delinquent row for parents with the Lord Jesus to carry and use the rod.

G. M. STEPHENSON

SCHOOL MERGER LOSES

MADRAS — A proposed consolidation of the Madras and Culver Union high school districts was voted down Wednesday. Madras voted for it in a light turn-out, 100-69, but Culver rejected it 257-20.

How could we do that? BY GETTING THE RIGHT KIND OF MEN INTO CONGRESS. If we get the right kind of men into congress, there is practically nothing that we couldn't do. Congress, given reasonable time, could bring government in this country back to the state houses, the court houses and the city halls.

DOUGLAS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ROGERS — To Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Rogers, 308 W. Washington St., Roseburg, March 5, a son, Kenneth Lee; weight seven pounds four and a fourth ounces.

QUINTON — To Mr. and Mrs. Rex Quinton, 240 Sweetbriar, Roseburg, March 6, a son, no name; weight six pounds and a quarter.

KNOTT — To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Knott, Box 257, Winston, March 7, a son, Raymond Louis; weight, seven pounds 13 1/2 ounces.

Society

CENTENNIAL CAPERS PARTY IS HELD BY BETA GAMMA CHAPTER

The first Centennial event to be sponsored by the Centennial Capers party held by Beta Gamma Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, at the Roseburg Woman's clubhouse Feb. 26.

Mrs. Bob Sullivan and Mrs. Dale Roles, attired in "lucky" robes, hair curlers and with their faces smeared with cold cream, presented a skit, "Where Are Our Husbands?"

A style show was presented exhibiting clothes dated every 10 years from 1852 to 1952. Mrs. Howard Thomas was narrator. Lace, ruffles, pantaloons, bustles, umbrellas and on to the flapper stage were modeled, after which the present day fashions were modeled. A majority of the costumes were furnished by Miss Helen Casey.

The gown worn by Mrs. Bill Schultz was of 1943 blue and was made 15 years ago. Her husband's grandmother was married in it. One costume, not pictured, modeled by Mrs. Harold Cacy, was a handmade creation by Madame Shogren, famous seamstress in Portland. Mrs. Sidney Corley wearing a 1920 gown, danced the Charleston.

Games were played during the evening with prizes going to Mrs. Paul Cacy, first; Mrs. Duane Roles, second, and Mrs. Raymond Clark, third. Refreshments were served later in the evening.

Guests present were Mrs. Ray Laurence, Mrs. Raymond Clark, Mrs. C. W. Dishman, Mrs. Paul Cacy, Mrs. A. J. Murray, Mrs. Don Rogers, Mrs. Neil Kaser Jr., Mrs. Kenneth Clayton, Mrs. Ethel Turner, Mrs. Duane Roles, Mrs. Delmar Roles, Mrs. Keith Buckwalter, Mrs. Guy Boyer, Mrs. Fred Richardson, Mrs. Eugene Fox, Mrs. Pat Lytle, Mrs. Russell Knudtson, Miss Norma Johnson, Mrs. Robert Gardner, Miss Marion Swenson and Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Members present were Mrs. J. Bean, Mrs. Harold Cacy, Mrs. Sidney Corley, Mrs. Marvin Doty, Mrs. Burt Holt, Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. Don Rogan, Mrs. Dale Roles, Mrs. Bill Schultz, Mrs. Bob Sullivan, Mrs. Howard Thomas and Mrs. Craig Dishman.

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DOUBLE PINK AND BLUE SHOWER HELD IN DILLARD RECENTLY

Mrs. Odie Phillips and Mrs. Loyd Ferguson were the inspiration of a double pink and blue shower, given Wednesday evening, Feb. 27, at the home of Mrs. Wade Gentry in Dillard. The hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. R. L. Swanson and Mrs. Pauline Withers. They used the large stork for decorating the gift table for the honored guests. Bingo was in play during the evening with prizes awarded to Mrs. Grace Barnes, Mrs. Louise Preston, Mrs. Leonard Swanson, Miss Jenny Swanson, Mrs. Rosa Heinbach, Mrs. Wilma Haumeier, Mrs. Othel Barnes, Mrs. Doris Petty and Mrs. Mary Petty.

Many lovely gifts were presented the honored guests in the decorated bassonette. Refreshments were served from the peach colored linen serving table, centered with a large sheet cake, decorated in pink roses and green leaves. Mrs. Leonard Swanson presided at the punch bowl. Guests for the charming affair were: Mrs. Robbie Cooper, Mrs. Mary Kaye Harrington, Mrs. Doris Petty, Mrs. Mary Petty, Mrs. Myrtle Duke, Mrs. Weynema Gunsalus, Mrs. Lona Fish, Mrs. Ouida Mutschler, Mrs. Louise Preston, Mrs. Stella Fennell, Mrs. Betha Swanson, Miss Jenny Swanson, Mrs. Pauline Withers, Mrs. Wade Gentry, Mrs. Leonard Swanson, Mrs. Othel Barnes, Miss Gail Gray, Mrs. Vivian Laurence, Mrs. Belle Clark, Mrs. Wilma Haumeier, Mrs. Goldie Willis, Mrs. Edith Bratsch, Mrs. Kitty Thomas and Mitty; Mrs. Grace Barnes and the hostesses, Mrs. Withers and Mrs. Swanson.

Face Payless Period

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore. — The city's volunteer firemen probably won't draw any pay for their fire fighting during the rest of the fiscal year. The city is down to \$19 in its fire fighters' funds.

City Recorder Don Allen said though the firemen could possibly be paid from \$2,000 emergency funds if the council wanted to take a chance on not needing that money for something else.

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Bids must be submitted by March 20, 1952.

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

FOR INFORMATION, PHONE 3-6111

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