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GOVERNOR'S DILEMMA

How would you have liked to be forced into making a decision as to whether Oregon would have daylight saving time?

We're glad we have no responsibility such as rests upon Governor McKay in deciding a question involving as much controversy as that of advanced time.

He will be roundly and vigorously criticized, cussed and condemned by many businesses, industries, clerks, secretaries, laborers and others who wanted daylight time. On the other hand, he will be applauded with equal vigor by those who oppose the time switch. Perhaps no issue generates more heat than the daylight saving proposal. Any decision, therefore, is certain to meet a fairly close balance of vigorous and vocal opinion.

The law provides that the governor may order daylight saving time only if "the economy and general welfare of this state are placed at material disadvantage by lack of uniformity" in the time schedule, and then only if daylight saving time is put into effect in adjoining states.

What constitutes the "economy and general welfare" upon which the decision is to be based? An industrialist can point to savings in power and more efficient use of personnel. Sawmills can show more man hours of production, because they get an earlier start and produce more lumber before being forced to shut down in midday by weather conditions creating fire hazards. But the operator of a drive-in theater can offer statistics showing heavy financial losses. The farmer says he can't change his work hours. Thus we get divided opinion on economy.

And how about general welfare? The retail clerk, or the office worker, will contend that the extra hour of daylight and an opportunity to get in a little fishing or a round of golf is very conducive to his general welfare. But the man who already rises with the birds to get to his employment will say that pushing him forward another hour would cause him much hardship.

Personally, we're disappointed by the Governor's decision. That's because we like daylight saving time. But our wire editor and the sports page lay-out man, who must now get down to the office in the "wee sma' hours," are very happy with the verdict.

Even good govenors can't please everyone.

GOOD BARGAIN IF WE GET IT

The executive committee of the Oregon & California Land Grant Counties' Association has instructed the association's attorney to support the bills introduced in Congress by Senator Guy Cordon and Representative Harris Ellsworth reducing the counties' take of O & C revenues from 75 to 50 per cent of gross.

The *Oregon City Enterprise-Courier* is extremely critical of Senator Cordon, charging a "sell out" to the Department of Interior. The Oregon City newspaper has vigorously contended that the counties should demand the 75 per cent to which they are entitled under existing legislation and should accept no compromise.

We admit that the extra 25 per cent of revenue is attractive bait. As we read the history of the O & C land deal, however, we cannot find where the counties have actual claim to more than the lands would normally pay in taxes. This was the basis upon which the first settlements were made. The federal government can do about as it darned well pleases in distributing the revenue. The Department of Interior insists we be cut to 50 per cent of the NET, which would give us about one-third of the gross, rather than the one-half Cordon and Ellsworth are fighting to retain.

Discretion, it would seem, points to a compromise based on the best bargain possible. Instead of being subjected to criticism, Senator Cordon and Representative Ellsworth are entitled to gratitude if they can prevent the "steal" the Department of Interior is trying to engineer, and which might be successful if we attempted the "get tough" tactics proposed by the Oregon City editor.

The editor of the *Oregon Statesman*, Salem, says: "We're for a two-party system, honestly."

What we'd like most to see would be two honest parties.

Scraps From the Mending Basket

by Vidhnett Martin - P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

The other twenty-one Granges in Douglas county have received invitations from the Sunnydale Grange for the Dedication ceremonies on Sunday afternoon, April 27, at 2 p.m. here on highway 98. Mrs. Elsie Huebner, secretary, tells me she thinks there will be several hundred people here, "judging by the replies received from the Granges." The dedication ritual is open to the public so please consider this your invitation, too, if it is convenient for you to attend. State Grange Master Elmer McClure, who organized Sunnydale Grange 14 year ago, will officiate.

Joining the Grange is one nice way to become acquainted with one's neighbo, isn't it! Belonging to the Grange makes us feel "country dweller," even if a couple of kittens and an acre of pasture is our agricultural extent. Incidentally some of the members live in town and, I guess, joined the Grange to give them a feeling of "country?"

The Sunnydale Grange has a lively Hoedowners' Club about which I hear the most inviting things. But so far EJ has been dancing only around this place with paintbrush in hand, or a hammer or a saw. But I do think the current interest all over the country in square dancing is a very nice thing. For instance in the rules governing the Sunnydale Club it says something about "children over twelve" and "under twelve." What an appealing picture of a family enjoying fun together that regulation gives one!

Down in Long Beach there was a community "Sing" followed by square dancing. We went one evening. It was in the large municipal auditorium. I did enjoy watching the dancers: in one set there would be perhaps a gay young couple and a couple old enough to be their grandparents. Children danced with grownups (they teach square dancing in the schools, as I recall) and everywhere you looked there were happy faces. Just about the nicest, most wholesome evening of family fun in a big crowd, as on those Monday evenings, or a small group of friends as in the Sunnydale Hoedowners, at their Saturday evenings of fun. They learn new dances all the time, folk dances from other countries.

If no fertilizer were used on U. S. farm crops, production would be at least 25 per cent lower.

The Tree That Bears the Fruits of Free Enterprise

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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CHICAGO — In the fifteen states which have selected delegates to the Republican national convention here in July, Senator Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, has already won more than he had in 1948 in all but three contests. In these three he stayed even with his 1948 record.

The Ohio senator got 224 first ballot votes in 1948. He now has 208 compared to General Eisenhower's 120. But the significance of Taft's standing lies in the fact that he has ahead of him delegate contests in which he is virtually assured an additional 164 delegates.

This would leave the senator far short of the 603 needed to win a first ballot nomination, but it is a powerful block of votes and an excellent persuader for uncommitted delegates who will be here, window shopping for the man who looks like a winner.

In the latest contest, New Jersey, Taft picked up four delegates where he expected none. He did not have any from New Jersey in 1948.

Pennsylvania and New York are the next two major contests. In 1948 Taft had no first ballot delegates in either state. This round, however, he expects to pick up 20 in New York and 35 in Pennsylvania.

On May 6, Massachusetts, Maryland and Ohio pick their convention delegates. The senator's backers claim he is assured of 56 in Ohio, at least 12 in Maryland and 10 in Massachusetts.

This leaves West Virginia, Oregon, California and South Dakota. California has 70 delegates, none of which will go into the Taft corner. Gov. Earl Warren will get them all, and will hand them to Eisenhower. In Oregon it's the same story. The 15 votes there will probably go to Warren and then Eisenhower. West Virginia has 16 delegates and Taft's backers are banking on capturing 15 of them. In South Dakota Taft is expected to pick up 7 out of 14. He had none in any of these four states in 1948.

The South, according to Taft's campaign managers, will supply the senator with additional delegates that were unpledged in the race four years ago. Taft already has 12 in Florida, 19 in Kentucky, 13 in North Carolina and 19 in Tennessee.

Collecting delegates in the South for Taft has been the chore of Representative Carroll Reece, the Tennessee congressman, and former G.O.P. national chairman. Reece is predicting that Taft will get 30 out of 38 Texas delegates six out of six in South Carolina, nine out of the 15 in Louisiana, 12 out of 26 in Missouri and 12 out of 14 in New Mexico.

The senator already seems assured of 20 out of 23 delegates in the state of Virginia, and 12 out of 16 in Oklahoma. Reece was largely responsible for the state of affairs in Virginia. He personally organized the campaign in Arlington County that resulted in the most powerful organization in the state being pledged to Taft. This county delegation will control the state convention. It is solidly for Taft.

At the moment, despite the loss of New Jersey to Eisenhower, Taft's backers are extremely confident. Barring a major blitz by Eisenhower when he returns in June, Taft's campaign directors say they can now talk about a first ballot nomination for the Ohio senator. Their figures add up to 647 votes, which is 44 more than needed for victory.

Even if you distill the enthusiasm out of their predictions it is apparent that the Ohioan is far and away better off than he was in 1948. And by the same token, Eisenhower has an uphill battle from now on in, even if he takes to the stump to arouse enthusiasm for his candidacy. And he has announced that he is not going to do any such thing, to the total dismay of his promoters.

Stassen at the moment has 22 delegates, Warren six now but eventually 91 with his own state and Oregon in his pocket. Gen. MacArthur has 2 pledged delegates and there is a total of 62 delegates now elected who remain unpledged. This is a total of 420 out of the 1206 who will be elected by convention time.

No one can predict the direction in which the 62 unpledged delegates will go. But the 62 now unpledged, along with any others yet to be selected for the convention, will be the center of considerable political interest. In fact, the heat is already on most of them as political managers from both major camps try their art of persuasion.

Normally, if there is a big first ballot vote for a candidate the unpledged delegates do not linger alongside the bandwagon for long. They hop aboard, and it is on the basis of this political fact that the Taft people now feel they have something to crow about. We'll see in July here in Chicago if their addition is as accurate in fact as it now appears to be on paper.

Hear Fulton Lewis Daily On KRNR, 9:15 P.M.

Visitors Delight In New Interior Of White House

WASHINGTON, (AP) — "Wonderful." "Beautiful". "Magnificent."

That's the reaction of John Taxpayer, his wife and the kids to their first in - person look at the reconstructed White House.

They had read about the $5,700,000 cellar - to - garret rebuilding job, and they had seen published pictures of the new interior. But not until Tuesday did all comers get a chance to see for themselves what the carpenters and decorators had done with all that tax money.

And the exclamations of delight would have gladdened the heart of householder Harry Truman if he had come over from the executive offices to hear them.

Visitors Come From Afar

All told, 5,344 persons were clocked in the first public showing of the new decor. They came from all over the country and from lands as far away as Iran and India. Reporters who mingled with them heard barely a word of dissatisfaction.

One thing the visitors couldn't agree on was what they liked best. Some thought the Blue Room handsomest, some preferred the Green or the Red, some the Stately East Room, still others the hrsitoic state dining room.

Ten to noon, Tuesdays through Saturdays, will be the regular visiting hours hereafter. You don't need a ticket, a letter from your congressman or anything else. Just go to the east gate and say you want in.

In the Day's News

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our establishment, reached for his slide rule and came up in a few minutes with the statement that, not allowing for leap years or for interest, it would take us 495 years.

Uncomfortable thought:

I'm afraid I'll never live to see our country out of debt.

What got me off on that line was a recent statement by Congressma Hubert Scudder, of California, to the effect that if somebody with a billion dollars had started in the year 1 A.D. to throw it away at the rate of $1,000 a day he'd still have enough left in this year of our Lord 1952 to last him until the year 2929—or nearly a thousand years hence.

What he was seeking to prove by illustration is that a billion dollars is a lot of money to everybody except our spenders in Washington. THEIR story, of course, is that this is a big country and calls for big spending.

True enough.

Still, I think I'd like to recommend to the members of our congress a re-reading of Boswell's Life of Dr. Johnson in which this sage financial advice is offered in one of Dr. Johnson's letters to Boswell: "Whatever you have, SPEND LESS."

If our government had followed that advice over the past 20 years, we'd all be a lot better off.

Congressman Scudder lives in Sebastopol. That suggests another question:

Who know how Sebastopol, California, got its name.

Well, it's a rather interesting story.

About a century and a half ago, the Russians got an idea that they' like to have a slice of what is now the American Pacific Coast. What really interested them was the beautifully-furred animal known as the sea otter. The sea otter's pelt was valuable, and the Muscovite of that day was not above turning a quick rouble at every opportunity.

So, pursuing the sea otter, the minions of the czar crossed over to Alaska, established headquarters at Sitka, and gradually spread southward almost to San Francisco bay. Sebastopol was about the southernmost point of their penetration, and they named it for the Russian city of the same name in the Crimea, which is the Russian winter resort.

That's also where the name Russian River comes from.

When the sea otter began to peter out, the Russians lost interest in expansion southward along the Pacific Coast and eventually withdrew to Alaska. In the course of time, we BOUGHT Alaska to get rid of 'em.

That, I'm afraid, started a bad precedent.

When Stalin got brash after World War II and became an IMPERIALIST, after the manner of the czars, we started in BUYING HIM OFF, too. I suppose we thought we could stop him that way, as we had stopped his predecessors a century and a half before.

It didn't work. Whereas the Russkies of the czar's day took their millions and got out of Alaska and stayed out, Stalin took everything we offered in the way of appeasement and yelled lustily for MORE.

The more we appeased, the more he demanded.

He's obviously a different breed of Russian cat — just as much of an imperialist as theczarswere of Russian cat — just as much of an imperialist as the czars were but bolder, greedier, a smarter trader and a shrewder psychologist. Every time we bought him off, from Tehran and Yalta on, he dug up something else to sell us AND DEMANDED A HIGHER PRICE FOR IT.

More Sympathy Requested For Those Suffering Gout

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK — (AP) — Are you a sespag?

Would you like to be a sespag? Oh, come on, now. Be a sespag. Please.

You'll really stand out from the crowd, once you're a sespag. What is a sespag? Well — don't laugh — a sespag is a member of the Society for the Extension of Sympathy to People Afflicted with Gout.

Civilization has needed an organization of this kind for a long time. Every other disease in the medical textbooks has its true blue friends today — from halitosis to hernia, from acidosis to acute alcoholism.

But gout? Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha! Nobody takes gout seriously today except those who suffer from it. Madness and measles are respectable. But gout? "Oh, no, not really—gout? Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!"

It is high time we had a national gout week so the buddies of this ailment can band together and get more public understanding. I feel this way because I have just spent five days flat on my back with a throbbing foot propped on a pillow.

When I returned to work, leaning with quiet drama on a new $5 cane, I naturally expected to be rewarded with a little milk of human kindness. When an office pal asked what was wrong with my foot, I mumbled bravely:

"Oh, nothing much. The doctor calls it rheumatoid arthritis."

"That's just a fancy word for gout," he said. "So you got the gout, eh? Ha, ha, ha. Boy, you must have been doing some high living. Ha, ha, ha."

So he passed the word along, and the office became a den of laughing hyenas—"Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha! He's got the gout. Wish I could afford it."

Well, there you are. Tell somebody you got the gout, and right away he jumps to the conclusion you've been swimming in port wine and pork roasts.

That is the trouble. People don't understand there are two kinds of gout—rich man's gout and poor man's gout. Rich man's gout is the old-fashioned kind, caused by luxurious living and enjoyed (I should use such a word!) by British lords and 19th century American industrial tycoons.

This kind of gout is dying out. Poor man's gout is best described by the Encyclopedia Britannica as follows:

"Gout may also affect persons who observe the strictest temperance in living, and whose only excesses are in the direction of overwork, either physical or intellectual."

Naturally, you understand that what I had was the poor man's gout. Gout also hits plumbers and painters, as a result of lead poisoning.

What puzzles me is why it struck me. Too much temperance? Overwork? Or could it have been the aftermath of chewing too many lead pencils in grammer school?

Thumb Sufferers

Gout strikes chiefly in the big toe, the heel, and instep, or the thumb. I'm a heel and instep man myself. Personally, I have never met a thumb gout sufferer. It's probably a tough occupational problem with hitchhikers.

Many people don't realize how gout feels. It feels as if an invisible madman were trying to stuff a white hot anvil into your foot. You have an urgent desire to bite to death anybody that comes within three yards of you. If anybody in the same room even breathes heavily, you can feel it. A fly landing on your foot is like a knife thrust.

Never laugh at a man with the gout, podner, unless you want to make a lifelong enemy. But pat him on the back—gently, gently—and tell him you understand. He won't believe you, but he'll remember, and if ever you have to borrow money—well, you won't have to go any bank to get it.

4-H Clubs Give Program At PTA Meet In Riddle

The April meeting of the Riddle PTA was given over to the 4-H clubs of the school, who presented a well-organized and interesting program. Dixie Holtman of the Busy Little Cooks Club was program chairman introducing the speaker for each group and the speaker for the evening with aplomb.

The Busy Little Cooks, leader Mrs. Lewis Wooley, had charge of the business meeting with Shirley Wooley, president, and Gayda Eskeridge, secretary, presiding. The girls gave the 4-H pledge.

Other numbers included a piano solo by Suzanne Bordeaux; a song and style show of hats by girls of the Sewing club, Mrs. Earl Smith, leader, and the Beavers, Mrs. Norman Krantz, leader. A piano, accordion and saxophone trio was comprised of Paula Smith, Sallie Smith, and Jerrilyn Zifka, representing the Knitting Quintet, Mrs. Harry Williams, leader, and the Custard Club, Mrs. Norman Krantz, leader. Florette McGee played a piano solo.

Talks on "Our Club" were given by Janice Mann of the Sugar 'n Spice club, Mrs. Orval Tull, leader, and Jane Daniels of the Busy Workers, Mrs. Cliff Owen, leader. Miss Lou Owens, county leader, gave a talk on the history of the 4-H clubs.

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