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THE ELECTION SYSTEM

Charles V. Stanton

Fulton Lewis Jr., who writes "Washington Report" appearing daily in *The News-Review*, virtually has the presidential nomination all wrapped up and handed to Senator Taft.

We're a little skeptical.

As a sample of his calculations, he puts Oregon in the Warren column. This state's delegates, says Lewis, "will probably go to Warren and then Eisenhower." We'd like to place a small wager with Mr. Lewis that he has his predictions reversed. And if the balance of his calculations are as erroneous as his forecast for Oregon, he's going to look worse than the old Literary Digest. Remember?

But the political writers are doing a lot of figuring concerning Oregon.

The well known syndicate writer Marquis Childs says, for instance:

Significantly it was in the Oregon primary four years ago that Stassen was overthrown by Governor Thomas E. Dewey. Up until that point the tireless Stassen had done extraordinarily well in the state beauty contests and also in lining up delegates. Going all out in Oregon, Dewey captured all of the 18 delegates. That victory swung the tide.

As the last important presidential primary getting national attention, Oregon takes on special significance. The outcome, unless it were phenomenally disastrous, could hardly break the back of the Eisenhower movement. On the other hand, an outstanding victory could supply the final flourish building up to Ike's return from Europe.

Hits Popular Vote Argument

Each presidential election, with its jockeying and manipulation, creates more and more demand for election by popular vote. But the situation in Oregon furnishes a good example why we should never switch to the popular vote system, for by so doing we would lose minority protection.

Oregon is a small state, insofar as population is concerned. New York City and its boroughs include a population in excess of 15 million people, as compared with 1½ million in Oregon. What chance would Oregon have of a voice in a national election on a popular vote basis? How would the South and West fare in a contest with the East and Mid-West?

If we were to elect our presidents by national popular vote, minority areas would become forgotten provinces, to be exploited by the populous industrial and financial centers. The South and the West have long felt the hand of eastern industrial restrictive influence. Only in recent years have these two regions offered any measure of competition in the industrial picture.

If the East, through preponderance of popular vote, could elect whomever it pleased to direct the affairs of our government, minority regions would be sunk. All favors from government would go to those areas where the votes are located.

West Gains Political Strength

But under the existing system of nomination and election, the voice of each state has its place. The administration must treat each state and each region fairly because it never knows which delegation may swing an election or on what event political fortune may swing.

Oregon, only a tiny speck on the political map, won the 1948 nomination for Dewey. It will be a focal point next month. Thus Oregon cannot be overlooked as a state without political influence.

Our system could be greatly improved, we believe, if each state would adopt a presidential primary system in which delegates would be required to carry out to the best of their ability the expressed wishes of the electorate. But these systems should be formulated by each state and should not be dictated nor influenced nationally. The "bargaining" power of delegations should never be destroyed, for only through cooperation between delegates from minority areas can effective protection be afforded against attempts by combines of larger delegations to form an administration which might center its favors on populous regions.



MENDING BASKET

Vidnett Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Ore.

With the poodle haircut sweeping the country—did you see the picture of Mrs. Truman with her poodle haircut?—I am reminded of what one might call the other extreme in hair-doing. Eighty years ago in Godey's "Lady's Book," the fashion world was electrified with an announcement of the "frou-frou" first seen in "Queen Victoria's Drawing Room," where the ladies presented their hair in this charming way. And of course American ladies would be doing likewise before the ink was dry on Godey's Lady's Book, that dictator which influenced so many homes. The frou-frou features the "hair flowing down the back in a series of minor chignons and heavy curls and from the extreme end drows out a few diminutive ringlets. The frou-frou is very becoming and will be the fashion in the ballroom, there is very little doubt."

There was also an item about the FAN. (Made me think of the title of a modern song.) "The newest jewel is a gold and gemmed brooch worn on the waist, from which the fan is hung. The poodle, the elegant fan will soon have fluttered its last breath out. It is now being mounted with ivory handles carved in the shape of rifles and revolvers, and, when the ladies pull

one of these out, a shiver runs over us before we have time to reflect." (Editor Godey was perhaps describing the 1870 version of the "pistol packing mamma.")

Is there a cashmere shawl in our treasure chest? I recall one that was cut up by its second owner into a "tea gown," and when she tired of that, she "got rid of it." Even in 1870, Editor Godey remarked that "a full sized shawl, such as we call a long shawl, or dinner commands in Paris or London from \$500 to \$5,000, according to quality."

"The border of a genuine cashmere shawl is invariably woven in small pieces, which are afterwards sewed together, as the whole border is substantially sewed on the made of the fine inner coating of Thibet goat, and the work of making a large cashmere shawl takes the labor of 12 to 14 men at least six months."

Editor Godey concludes: "The devised by fashion to the contrary notwithstanding, among all women everywhere is remarkable. Granny would no more think of going without it than without her nightcap." Nowadays Granny is likely to appear in a Bikini bathing suit.)

The New Washington Skyline



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — Saddened Illinois Democrats are far from comforted by the political pinwheeling of Senator Paul Douglas.

After the departure of Gov. Adlai Stevenson from the national political arena, an act classified as cruel, and inhuman treatment of desperate politicians, Douglas, without being asked, blurted out his fondness for candidate Estes Kefauver, the coonskin senator from Tennessee.

Democratic boss Jacob Arvey and his Illinois political machine playmates merely groaned. Douglas had almost squared the circle. He had first advocated a joint nomination of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, but when the proposal was greeted with universal silence, he switched to Gov. Stevenson.

Neither Eisenhower, Stevenson nor Kefauver has shown any great enthusiasm for Douglas' praise, although Kefauver did say thanks. It appears they all feel Douglas lacks consistency so there is no use in embracing him until he stops spinning.

Douglas has about as much chance of being the nominee as President Truman has of being asked to submit to a party draft here in July.

The same machine politicians who informed the President that he would not be needed for the 1952 campaign are known to regard Kefauver as a political creep just short of being a twin of former Vice-President Henry Wallace, the Yogi expert and current chicken farmer.

Douglas is held in the same esteem. Both Douglas and Kefauver like to break with something known as Americans for Democratic Action. This is a sort of rich man's club of refugee New Dealers who got wealthy worrying about the downtrodden masses. It is about on a par with a collection of crackpots ranging from Russian style revolutionists to bobby soxers from eastern girls' schools. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Leon Henderson, former boss of the Office of Price Administration, and Fair Deal columnist Marquis Childs are considered heavy thinkers in the ADA league. That should be all you have to know.

Douglas, of course, is an ADA darling. So is Kefauver. And because of its desire to spread the collectivist doctrine, the ADA practically simmers at the thought of getting one of their boys in the White House, or at least in the vice-president's seat. If they could accomplish this, the big city machine bosses would get axed faster than heads rolled in the wake of the French revolution.

A week in the midwest showed me that there is less talk among Democrats there about an individual who is going to control the party during the next four years. Even if their party is licked, the Democrats with political savvy know that whoever becomes the party leader—and in all probability it will be the man who gets the party nomination here in July—will call the shots and build the machine for the comeback.

For this reason a series of back room conferences here, in New York, California and in Washington are under way. Frank McKinney, chairman of the Democratic National Committee and the man who took the bad news to President Truman, is swing man for the big city machine bosses. He passes along word of party decisions and pitches national committee propaganda to fit the needs.

When the big bosses decide on the Democratic man of the hour, McKinney will be the first to know.

In the Day's News

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case of second, third and fourth class mail.

"Government receipts for second class mail (newspapers and magazines)," he said last night, "are 46 million dollars annually and it costs the government 240 million dollars to service it."

In other words, the government loses about 200 million dollars a year on second class mail. A lot of people, especially critics of the subsidy the government gives newspapers, call this a SUBSIDY. Some of them say to us, when we criticize other subsidies: "What of the subsidy the government gives YOU in the form of second class mail?"

I don't call it a subsidy. I call it just plain POOR BUSINESS on the part of the government.

This newspaper is a minor user of second class mail. We deliver the bulk of our papers by our own carriers. We don't want the government to lose money on us. If, with sound business methods, it costs the government more to deliver the comparatively few papers we send by mail than it gets from us, why, in that event, raise the price. We want NO HANDOUTS from government.

I suspect that wasteful methods, such as Senator Douglas is criticizing, account for a lot of the second class mail loss.

Now for another Democrat—Senator Russell, who formally launched his campaign for the Democratic nomination for President at Atlanta, Georgia, last night. Among other things, he said:

"We must preserve our constitutional government and we must PROTECT THE SOVEREIGN STATES AGAINST OVERCONCENTRATION OF POWERS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT."

Elsewhere he has said: "Among the dangers to our continued freedom is any unchecked trend toward the concentration of all the powers of the government in the national capital. The Founding Fathers, who had suffered the tyrannies of overcentralized government, wisely sought to define and LIMIT the federal power."

"I am a Jeffersonian Democrat who believes in the greatest practical degree of local self-government. The maintenance of the RIGHTS OF THE STATES in an indissoluble union is our protection against the LOSS of individual rights and liberties which has always followed undue centralization of authority."

To that, I say AMEN!

Federal Judge David A. Pine, after hearing the government's contention that the President has power to seize the steel industry without specific authorization of law and regardless of the due process clause of our constitution, asked this question:

"DOES THE GOVERNMENT CONTEND IT CANNOT FUNCTION UNDER THE CONSTITUTION?"

If the government does contend it can not function under the constitution, and therefore must function by PRESIDENTIAL DECREE, it's high time for a change in our government.

Otherwise our liberties will soon be gone where the woodbine twines.

I've been quoting these able, clear-thinking Democrats to point up the fact that this campaign isn't just one in which the Republicans seek for themselves the power the Democrats have held for the past 20 years.

We stand at a crossroad. We face the hard fact that too much power has been held in too few hands too long. As a result, our solvency is threatened by reckless extravagance and our liberties are threatened by the growing concentration of federal power.

Able and patriotic Democrats, as well as Republicans, see that clearly and are beginning to speak out.

Umpqua Forest Visitors In '51 Total 68,630

The Umpqua National Forest had 68,630 visitors during 1951, according to a report from the regional office of the U. S. Forest Service, which reports almost 12 million people visiting the 19 national forests of the Pacific Northwest during the year.

The report divides visitors on the Umpqua forest into 34,050 using campgrounds, 9,350 in picnic areas, 30 using the forest for winter sports, 450 in organizational camps, 3,660 at resorts, 640 summer home residents, and 3,450 in other forest areas. Persons traveling the forest roads and highways numbered 58,830.

The Mount Hood national forest in Oregon, had 1,831,000 visitors, the highest number recorded by any of the 13 national forests in the State. The Snoqualmie led the 6 national forests of Washington with a total patronage of 4,580,400. The Wenatchee was second with 1,562,800 visitors.

Popularity Increasing
The Forest Service reports a decided trend towards heavy use of picnic areas because of the popularity of afternoon drives, on which picnic lunches are carried. Many fishermen and vacationing families, some from as far away as Florida and Maine, came with trailers or brought sleeping bags and tents, spending entire vacations in the numerous campground areas.

Leading winter sports forests are: Mount Hood, in Oregon, with 197,000 devotees; in Washington, the Snoqualmie, with 126,000, the Wenatchee, with 69,000 and the Mount Baker, with 27,500.

All of these figures, naturally, are estimates, according to the Forest Service. However, they are compiled from reports by rangers on the ground, and show a reliable index of the trend of forest recreational use. Recreation is one of the important functions in the Forest Service multiple use management plan, along with timber crops, watershed protection, wildlife and grazing.

Since the period during the 1930s when the Civilian Conservation Corps helped to build and maintain many campground improvements, numerous installations have deteriorated. Folsom reports that the Forest Service now has a serious problem in maintaining sanitation and safety conditions in its forest camps with the small funds available for that purpose, but every effort is being made to obtain the maximum of comfort and pleasure for visitors.

Keep Job Until Notified, Air Reservists Told

HAMILTON, Calif.—Air Force reservists who have been tentatively selected for active duty should not quit their jobs or close out their personal affairs until they actually receive orders directing them to report, Fourth Air Force Headquarters officials cautioned.

Before traveling to an Air Force installation for an authorized medical examination, the reservist should contact the hospital for an appointment. He will pay his travel expenses for the examination.

Before contracting to move or store his household goods, the reservist should contact the transportation officer at nearest Air Force installation, for information or instructions.

Air reservists requesting extension of their reporting date for active service may in certain instances be granted as much as 30 days extension.

Elkton

By MRS. GRACE SAWYERS

Mrs. Edith Gates is confined to her home with flu.

The Elkton Methodist Church held a regular potluck dinner and business meeting Sunday.

Mrs. Veeda Gould, Mrs. Anna Franklin and Mrs. Grace Sawyers were Cottage Grove business visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. John Channer returned Tuesday from Eugene where she has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Harry Cool and daughter-in-law and grandson, Harry, are guests of Frances Hedden.

Mrs. Betty Grimsrud was called to LaGrande recently by the death of her mother.

Floyd Weatherly took his brother Dick, to Portland for a medical check-up. Carry Weatherly accompanied his uncle to spend a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Peters.

John Sawyers was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wallace Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arly Marsh were transacting business in Eugene Friday.

The Rev. W. J. Hamilton returned Friday from Portland where he has been visiting with his family.

The John McNeil family are ill with the flu.

Jim Piper, a student at the U.C.C. of Eugene, substituted for Dr. Guy Wright at the Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riley and baby of Eugene were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arly Marsh. Mrs. Riley is a daughter of the Marshes.

Mrs. Lucille Moore is reported to have pneumonia. Her mother from Eastern Oregon is caring for her.

Mrs. Frances Hedden is reported improving from the flu.

Pre-Princess Ball Dated May 16 In Local Armory

A pre-princess ball for Douglas County Centennial queen candidates will be held in the Armory May 16.

Each of the candidates will be allowed to sell Centennial merchandise. They will also appear on a one-hour show — the highlight of the ball.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event, and President Sid Moon reports that top talent has been secured for the show.

The ball was inaugurated to help candidates in their race for queen. Ladies will be admitted free.

Methodist From India To Address C. C. Forum

Speaker at Monday's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon in the Hotel Umpqua will be the Rev. Paul E. Wagner, Superintendent of Methodist work in the Udgir district in the interior of the northern part of Hyderabad State, India.

The Rev. Mr. Wagner will also be guest speaker at the Methodist church at 8 p.m. Monday.

Arrangements for the chamber forum were made by the Rev. W. A. MacArthur, local Methodist pastor. The Rev. Mr. Wagner will be introduced by M. L. Kumlner, 4-H agent, who served six years in India in agricultural work.

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The city of Oslo, Norway, was founded more than 900 years ago. New Englanders were the first to extract the oil from menhaden, a species of fish.

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JOHN P. AMACHER

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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For sound, economical government and wise use of natural resources.

Vote For

JOHN P. AMACHER

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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