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POLITICAL PORRIDGE

Charles V. Stanton

Roseburg was honored today by the opportunity to welcome to our community Governor Earl Warren, his charming wife and two lovely daughters. The governor of our neighboring state carries much popularity in Oregon, and doubtless will receive enthusiastic support should he be given the Republican nomination. His appearance here did not injure his popularity. Rather, it added much to his political standing with the residents of this area.

The visit of Governor Warren here this morning opened a hectic week. We will be visited Wednesday by Governor Sherman Adams of New Hampshire, speaking on behalf of General Eisenhower. Thursday evening Senator Kefauver will conduct an open air Democratic rally.

Governor Warren promises to be a strong personality in the forthcoming Republican National Convention. Delegates so far chosen are almost evenly divided between Eisenhower and Taft. Neither candidate, however, has the required number of votes for nomination. Yet it now appears either candidate may have enough votes to prevent nomination of the other.

Should such a stalemate arise, delegates would be forced to seek a compromise candidate, in which case Governor Warren undoubtedly would be one of the best possibilities.

Oregon Vote Muddled

While political observers are freely predicting an Eisenhower victory in Oregon's primary, opposition forces are working to cut his popular vote. The names of General Douglas MacArthur and Wayne L. Morse appear on the ballot despite the fact that each has avowed he is not a candidate and has asked supporters not to cast ballots in his favor. Yet each will receive many votes. Observers contend that those votes would normally go to Eisenhower and that the two were placed in nomination for the sole purpose of minimizing the Eisenhower popularity vote.

This could be an important factor in the convention. If Oregon voters piled up a landslide vote for the general, the showing of popularity might influence some of the borderline delegates. On the other hand, if his majority is of only moderate character, it can be claimed that he is not as popular as he had been indicated, which, too, might influence a verdict.

The fact that Taft was not put in nomination was good strategy. Had he contested Eisenhower for the Oregon nomination taken a beating, as political observers believe would have been the case, he would have lost prestige in the convention. But, by dividing the Eisenhower vote in Oregon and keeping the majority low, it will be possible for his supporters to contend that he could have beaten the general had he made the race in Oregon.

Thus we can observe how thoroughly convention politics are schemed and practiced.

Kefauver To Be Welcomed

We are extremely fortunate in having an opportunity to meet the Democratic presidential candidate who is showing such surprising strength. Kefauver is certain to meet with strong resistance from the New Deal and Fair Deal crowds at the Democratic convention. But his brilliant campaigning has won him such a host of friends, when coupled with his record in exposing national crime, that observers who once gave him only an outside chance, now are expressing belief that the opposition cannot muster sufficient strength to keep him from the nomination.

His visit to Roseburg will give him an opportunity to meet with the general public of this community and to make many friends on the very eve of the election.

With presidential candidates flying in and out of our community, while state and local office seekers get in their final licks with the voters during the closing hours of the primary race, we can expect plenty of political porridge to be dished up until Friday.



At a friend's home the other evening I was looking through issues of "The Aquarium," a most attractive magazine devoted to fish. Not the kind the Game Commission concerns itself with in every issue of its spruced-up publication which now has a photographic cover. "The Aquarium" evidently has a large circulation among people who raise, or would like to raise, the kind of fish one keeps in an aquarium, or maybe a pool.

We had a couple of hundred goldfish—we began with six little ones out of the dime store—in a 13-foot pool, and many a lesson did the goldfish teach me, and many a quiet period of mental refreshment did I find, sitting by the pool.

Correction: A couple of hundred fish—the boys used to count them each year when we cleaned the pool—until meat was rationed and the neighborhood cats came to depend upon a meal hooked out of our pool with their sharp and quick claws. Couldn't hate the cats. After all, they were obeying their instincts, and they were hungry.

Incidentally the fish would show considerable intelligence, too (except where the lambent eyes of cats lured them to the edge of the pool), for they would dive down out of sight under lily pads when strangers tried to feed them with bread held in their fingers. Yet EJ and I could feed them any old time. They would nibble the bread out of our fingers, making a loud

sucking noise. Another odd thing: When a child would want some fish to take home, and I'd take the net in hand and try to catch a fish or two—do you think I could? Not even with bread bait! Was it my thought that was changed, do you think? I wonder.

THE PERFECT PET

"Consider the fish as a household pet:

You have nothing to do but keep him wet.

His bearing is good, his manners are neat.

His face is clean, his breath is sweet.

He doesn't bark, he doesn't sing. He doesn't bite or scratch or sting.

He doesn't shed feathers or fur or hairs.

All over the sofas and carpets and chairs.

You put him someplace and he stays put.

If you're away for a day or two, he doesn't worry, nor fret, nor stew.

He asks but little here below. Just food to eat and room to grow.

If either of these he is long denied,

When you look for him—he has quietly died.

The walls and ceilings of modern coral mines are white, being sprayed periodically with powdered limestone.

"Ho-Hum -- Whose Move Is It Now?"



Reader Opinions

Published Record Of Sheriff Criticized

ROSEBURG — What do you think of the record of the sheriff's office as published in the News-Review?

According to the figures given us, the population has doubled in the last nine years, taxes have increased four times, prisoners processed have increased a little over twice, prisoners taken to state pen, a little more than doubled, and the cost of operating the sheriff's office has increased about four and one half times. Not so good I would say.

The force has increased more than three times but how about arrests? Is efficiency keeping up with the larger force? How many arrests do you suppose the sheriff has made personally?

How about economy of operation? Should the sheriff sanction the use of county cars for pleasure trips, hunting and fishing trips? Who pays for the gas and other expenses for these trips?

The law says that all guns confiscated should be sent to Salem to be sold. Why has this law been ignored? Is the sheriff above the law?

Three years ago last winter, at the judge's suggestion, a man turned over to the sheriff three guns to be sold, the proceeds to go to the prisoners' welfare fund. Why did the sheriff refuse to sell them? Did he keep them for his own use? One of the guns was nearly new with a scope sight; the other two were not so good. They surely were worth something and yet not a cent was turned over to the prisoners' welfare fund. Why?

How many more incidents like this do you suppose were overlooked in the published record? These are just a few little things that have come to my attention. Do you suppose an investigation would bring out more? If so, let's have it.

C. N. CURRIER
Roseburg, Oregon

Missing Girl Mystery Arouses Deep Anxiety

ROSEBURG—Can it only be a month? It seems like years. How much can one suffer in one month? How many days of fear and how many nights of horrible anxiety in 30 days? Can it be only that long since Georgia Lang walked north on Jackson street and disappeared without trace?

We look in the faces of all those we meet. They seem so calm, so unconcerned. And we want to cry out in a voice that all can hear, "Don't you know that a crime has been committed; a horrible crime, a crime so terrible that we all shudder?" Yet no one seems interested.

We go constantly to the police office, but there, seemingly, most of all the unconcern is felt. You see them give each other that side-long glance and one police officer says, "I'll bet you \$500 she ran away." So we walk away, helpless.

Over and over someone whispers, "Don't you suppose she was in trouble and ran away?" and again you sigh helplessly.

We know, we have positive evidence, that that isn't the case. We who know Georgia best know that there is nothing, absolutely nothing, to cause Georgia to run away deliberately. It doesn't fit. It would be a completely false note in her makeup.

I wish everyone could sit in on our family circle and listen to the talk as it circles around and around. At first we simply wouldn't discuss the horrible possibilities that were in all our minds. Now we discuss them freely.

We talk about Thelma Taylor. She was Georgia's cousin. They

were the same age. Uncle Clarence and Aunt Florence only had to wait a week before Morris Lealand confessed to Thelma's murder and showed the Portland police where he'd hid her body under the St. Johns bridge. That was three years ago. Now it's Georgia! I've often thought how terrible it must have been when Uncle Clarence learned the truth. Now I know that lack of knowledge can be even worse. Now we'd be happy to have any knowledge—no matter what.

One of Georgia's friends says he saw two men close in on her from two directions in front of the Montgomery Ward store that evening. He got a perfect description of them. He swears he can identify either of them. And, although others have turned in names of suspects, the witness has never been called in to identify anyone. Why?

What are you going to do when it is your girl?

Is Roseburg going to be a wide open channel to crime?

Roseburg, Ore.

Orchestras Of Grade School Pupils Urged

ROSEBURG—We have lived in Roseburg for the past three years, coming here from a city of the same size in California. Our two children entered school here one in junior high and one in senior high school. The oldest will soon be going to college and since he plays a musical instrument would like to be a member of the school orchestra. How is he going to compete with students coming from schools where they have had four years of orchestra experience? I do not understand why a school system this size cannot have orchestras from the grades thru high school. Since one of our teachers has organized an orchestra in the town, why couldn't we have had this in the school? I believe our music teachers should spend more time with the students instead of teaching the townspeople.

NAME ON FILE

Pro-Standard Time Sentiment Endorsed

UMPQUA — The sentiment in this area agrees with the article written by the Village Blacksmith appearing Monday in The News-Review. As yet we are on standard time, and as long as Sutherland and Oakland stay on standard time so will we. We have some people in this community who work in Roseburg and whose children attend high school in Roseburg on daylight time. It is very confusing for them.

I think the city councilmen should feel pretty proud of themselves for creating such a mess. The majority of the people voted two years ago to stay on standard time. Does it not mean anything when we pass a law? Or can a few people, who think they are big shots, do as they please? The merchants know the answer to that one.

I won't go into the matter of how this crazy time affects us farmers and the inconvenience it affords us, but I do think it is time "the good people of this state do something about the mixed up mess."

LAVERNE MURPHY
Umpqua, Ore.

The Fuzzy-Wuzzies of the Sudan, the "first-class fighting man" of Kipling's poem, settle their major quarrels with swords, but in minor disputes, the contestants stand some yards apart in small circles marked in the sand and throw rocks at each other.

Daylight Time Order Branded As 'Foolish'

DILLARD—To the people of Douglas County and citizens of the United States of America:

And I must say that takes in a lot of people. People who are working to help build our country; ones who are fighting in far off lands to keep our freedom; those who vote for what the country needs and what will make it a better place in which to live.

And the younger ones, its very confusing to them, studying the rights of our people and learning to take our government in their hands in the future to find that although we do vote for what we want, there are a few who can change the power of those votes and put in something whether the people like it or not.

It also must be confusing to the soldiers over in Korea to read in one letter from home that the people are happy because daylight saving time has been voted out, and in another letter to learn they are using fast time.

What gives?

I can see no reason for this foolish move. What is it? It looks like some people are just out to get us common people's goat. I can't figure why kids would want to go to school an hour earlier and have more time to sleep and run the streets at night. There's no reason for us to go to our churches, movies, and other places at a different time. Why would a man want to go to work earlier so he can listen to his wife nag for one more hour in the evening?

I can see the point though, in a well-to-do man wanting a longer evening to attend his socials, play golf and do what he wishes. But, let me ask, do we have to mix up everybody's everyday life when it can be solved right there at a meeting of all those fellows that want their longer evenings? If anyone knows what I've over-looked please tell me.

You've probably guessed it by now. I'm only a sophomore in high school. You probably wonder why such a problem would worry me. But I love my country and the power of the votes of our people. I sure want to keep that, don't you?

My friends and I would like to know the attitudes of candidates for the offices of local and state government regarding daylight saving time. Could these fellows let us know if we want them? We certainly don't if no attention is given to our wishes expressed by our votes.

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WASHINGTON REPORT



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WASHINGTON — Assuming that a Republican is elected president next November, General Omar Bradley is slated to be fired as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and to be replaced by General Alfred M. Gruenther.

Gruenther now is chief of staff to General Dwight Eisenhower and will retain that post for at least six months after General Matthew B. Ridgway succeeds "Ike" next month. But that's about as long as it will last.

Eisenhower already has promised Gruenther that as far as he's concerned, Gruenther will be the next chairman of the joint chiefs. Several important members of the United States Senate have told him the same thing.

Again assuming that the Republican nominee wins the election (and I'm assuming for the sake of argument, not predicting), Gruenther can hardly miss getting the job.

If Eisenhower gets the GOP nomination and wins in November, it will be a mere matter of picking up the telephone and ordering Gruenther to Washington. If Senator Robert A. Taft wins it, Gruenther still has the inside track.

Taft already has said that among his first official acts, if he is elected, will be to fire Bradley. Few voices were raised in protest in the Senate as a result of that statement. Bradley has not endeared himself to the senators as a whole. His devotion is almost wholly to President Truman.

During the hearings on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's ouster as supreme commander in the Far East, Bradley was less than frank with the senators. He refused to discuss a number of issues, stating that he would not violate any presidential confidences.

Under ordinary circumstances no one in the Senate expects military leaders to publicly relate conversations with the President, but in the case of MacArthur's firing the Senate was seeking information relating to the political pressure that led to the White House decision. It has long been understood in Washington that left-wingers worked for years to get MacArthur out of Japan. The Communists have picked Japan as their next target for control of Asia.

Bradley also played it cool over Korea. He defied Congress when effort were made to determine just who had ordered U. S. troops into Korea and why those forces were shackled with restrictive limitations on military targets. Bradley played this one politically, too, in a misguided effort to protect the White House. Thus, few will deny his fate if he is a victim of politics when Mr. Truman vacates the White House.

Gruenther was the choice of

most members of the senate for the job Mr. Truman gave to Ridgway. He was also Eisenhower's choice but none of his supporters tried to exert much pressure on the White House, because they had to admit that Ridgway is a pretty good man, too. Furthermore, they concluded that eight months is not too long to wait for a reward in lieu of Eisenhower's job.

Gruenther would bring to the joint chiefs of staff what it sorely needs — a devotion to military strategy instead of politics. He is a student of strategy, having devoted virtually all of his army life to military planning. He has been close to Eisenhower for a number of years, although his reputation was made long before Eisenhower rose to prominence. He undoubtedly would give the joint chiefs the spark of life it has lost under the politically-minded Bradley.

Ridgway is a protégé of former Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall. Marshall managed Ridgway's initial assignment to Korea with the expectation that eventually he would replace MacArthur. Although Marshall has been out of the country recently, apparently vacationing in Mexico,

In the Day's News

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across \$90,000 in cash—which they turned over to relatives of the owners, who was away on a trip? As I recall it the owner asked no questions in that case.

And do you recall the fellow in Reno whose house was robbed of uncounted hundred thousand dollars worth of property, including quite a wad of ready cash in bills? As I remember the circumstance, he displayed no amount of curiosity and asked few questions.

What's happening?

Is money of so little use to people in these days that they leave large sums of it lying around and display little or no curiosity when it disappears?

I suppose I could ask other questions, but I might get sued for libel if I did. Nobody likes to be suspected of trying dodges to evade taxes.

These people might all have so much money that the loss of a few tens or hundreds of thousands makes little difference to them.

That leads to another thought: We'd ALL have plenty of money in these days if we could just keep old Uncle Sam from reaching into our pockets.

he keeps in touch with Mr. Truman via long distance telephone. Gruenther's appointment as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff possibly could be blocked by Air Force or Navy insistence that one of its ranking officers get the job. There is a theory that the chairmanship should be rotated among the services, but air force and navy brass isn't likely to argue too robustly over the wishes of a new president in this direction.

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John P. Amacher, a Swiss who became an American citizen in the early '20's after serving in the Switzerland army during WWI period, and has become an integral part of the community life of Douglas County, seeks one of the two Republican nominations for representative of that county.

Born at Ringgenberg in 1895, attended Swiss public and hotel management schools, came to U.S. in 1920 and promptly applied for citizenship. In hotel work in Portland to 1932, when purchased and developed Alpine Lodge south of Canyonville, operated it until 1938, when purchased auto court and farm at Winchester, developed it into Motel and runs ranch.

Active in sports organizations, past vice-president Oregon Wildlife Federation, member Isaac Walton League, chairman Douglas County Parks Board, on O & C lands advisory board, member Roseburg Chamber of Commerce forestry committee, one of organizers of Umpqua Basin Improvement Council. Elk, Mason, active Republican worker.

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