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AMATEUR BLUNDER

Charles V. Stanton

Eisenhower's Oregon backers, in our opinion, committed a grave error in submitting a slate of 10 candidates for delegate-at-large to the Republican national convention. The strategy reportedly was directed from national headquarters. The move has some merit, politically, but, we anticipate, will do more harm than good.

Eisenhower's campaign is being managed, we are told, by amateurs. The leadership certainly lacks the experience of the Old Guard backing the Taft drive. Taft has in his camp the old greybeards of the party with many years of experience in convention politics. Eisenhower's group includes many of the younger Republican leaders coupled with a motley crowd of mavericks frantically seeking some corral to call home.

The Taft crowd is endeavoring to capture all or at least a part of Oregon's delegation by offering candidates of outstanding reputation who are using provisions of an old law to escape a pledge that they will support the people's choice at the nominating convention.

Taft's name is not entered on the ballot. But included in the list of candidates for delegate-at-large are six persons well and favorably known in Oregon, certain to capture many votes through their excellent reputations and records of party service. Known to favor the nomination of Senator Taft, and free to vote as they please, they make it possible for Taft to capture at least a part of the Oregon delegation even though the popular vote might be a landslide for Ike.

Popularity Poll Sought

The Eisenhower crowd is seeking to make the general's popularity vote as big as possible. Taft's effort is confined to six delegates-at-large and scattering district delegates. The Taft hope is focused on capturing even as few as one or two delegates.

But the list of candidates for delegate-at-large on the Republican ballot totals 50 names, coupled with 12 from the Fourth Congressional District. Thus, while Taft supporters will be pinpointing their efforts on six delegates, Eisenhower followers will be shotgunning their votes over 44 candidates from the state at large. This makes it entirely possible that the Taft delegates will come out of the election with more votes than any of the candidates preferring Eisenhower. Taft could get a majority of Oregon's delegation even though Ike received a landslide popular vote.

The Eisenhower strategy in offering a slate of 10 candidates is designed to concentrate the general's vote in the same manner as Taft's forces have centered their effort. But in designing this plan several of Ike's friends have been slighted. This may produce an adverse result to that expected by the Eisenhower strategists, regardless of the fact that in other respects it might be considered good political planning.

Had, however, the committee responsible for the selection enlarged its list to even 15 or 20 candidates, the adverse effect would have been lessened. While there might have been less concentration of vote, it is reasonable to presume that sufficient strength would have been obtained, providing the Eisenhower sentiment in the state is as strong as claimed.

Difficult Task Faced

The Republican voter faces a rather difficult task in trying to pick 10 delegates-at-large from among 50 candidates, many of them unknown to him.

Perhaps the following will help:

If you are a Taft supporter, your slate includes Lowell C. Paget, Robert A. Bennett, John R. Latourette Jr., Phil Metschan, Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, Irving Rand, as pledged delegates, and Dellmore Lessard, who expresses preference for MacArthur or Taft. Adding to this list would be selections from delegates showing no preference but pledged to the people's choice.

The 10-man slate offered by the Eisenhower committee includes Governor Douglas McKay, U. S. Senator Wayne Morse, Zylpha Zell Burns, H. Clay Myers Jr., Gordon Orput, Lamar Toozee, Howard C. Belton, Robert A. Elliott, Mark O. Hatfield, William M. McAllister. But other candidates who have indicated preference for Eisenhower are Frank E. Fowler, Catherine Holtz, J. O. Johnson, Mrs. Charles E. Miller, Talmadge F. Staley, Robert Ormond Case, Samuel H. Martin, E. Granville Maudsley, Alf O. Nelson, Sidney F. Woodbury. If you want Ike, your 10 delegates can be picked from any of those so listed.

Candidates expressing no preference, and pledged to follow the people's choice include Harvey S. Benson, G. Cyrus Bishop, Ralph P. Cowgill, U. G. Dubach, Albert M. Epperly, John H. Hall, Don Harmon, Joseph E. Harvey, Albert Holder, Rufus C. Holman, Graham Killam, A. W. Lafferty, James F. Lonergan, John C. F. Merrifield, Merrill R. Moores, A. W. O'Connell, Charles L. Paine, William F. Patterson, Leslie M. Scott.

F. E. Epton, Marion W. Epton and Douglas R. Gerow state preference for MacArthur.

Paul F. Mytinger declares himself as favoring Warren.



How I should like to be in Canyonville a week from Saturday. I'll be going through there tomorrow, too—but that will not help me any on the day of the Days Creek Flower Show in the Canyonville School May 24, Saturday. (Thank you, Mrs. Moore, for the invitation.)

There will be included a Hobby Show and an exhibit of work by the 4-H folk and other groups. All exhibits, whether single specimens, table arrangements, hobbies or whatever MUST BE in place between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. on the day of the Flower Show—May 24—and must be left in place until 7:30 that same evening. Exhibitors are asked to supply their own tables and containers etc. Oh yes, the instruction sheet Mrs. Moore enclosed with her invitation states also that commercial raisers of plants, shrubs and trees are invited to exhibit. And

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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CHICAGO, May 12 — Ohio State University has something called the Bureau of Educational Research on its campus, which in turn conducts something called the Intercultural Testing Program.

The intercultural testing program recently conducted a quiz for fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh graders, in Ohio public schools. The quiz is a dilly. It was called "The Wishing Well" and grade school students were supposed to indicate with a pencilled mark the things they wish most for as enumerated in the quiz. It starts like this:

"Are there some things that boys and girls wish they had? Are there some things they wish they could do? Are there some things they wish they hadn't done? Are there some things they wish other people would do or wouldn't do?" As a sample of the wishes suggested to the quizzees, note the following:

"I wish I knew how you can believe that God is always right and at the same time believe that you should think for yourself."

And it gets meatier as it goes along. Judging from the number of wishes about more money for daddy and mommy, more food on the table, etc., the intercultural testing programs appears to have a very positive flavor of social indoctrination. For example:

"I wish our family had more money so we didn't have to go without so many things."

"I wish I could be sure that my father would always have a steady job."

"I wish I knew why factories sometimes shut down when people need the things factories make."

"I wish our family had a little money saved so we wouldn't have to worry about illness, or accidents, or unemployment."

"I wish I knew why people say that everyone is equal when some people have more money than others."

"I wish our family had enough money so we wouldn't have to worry about paying our bills."

"I wish our family had the ability to go to doctors or dentists whenever we needed them."

"I wish our family could afford to have good meals every day."

Those are just a few of the wishes grade school students in the prosperous state of Ohio are supposed to be harboring.

It may come as a surprise that grade school kids in Ohio are worrying about voting. The quiz includes this:

"I wish my vote really counted."

In the copy of the quiz that I have this wish has been marked, supposedly by an Ohio grade school student. I'll be charitable and assume it is a seventh grader, but even so it is the first one I ever encountered who is concerned because he doesn't believe his vote counts.

There are 160 wishes in the quiz. It is laced with ideas involving racial behavior, religion and mental obedience. It is, I suppose, a psychological quiz apparatus designed to determine what little boys and girls are made of. But from the questions, it appears to be less of a probe of little minds than an inoculation of economic miseries, religious doubts, and social dissatisfaction.

Just what use the bureau of educational research at Ohio State University will make of the wishing well quiz I can't say. In the preface, there is this indication, however:

"All of us have wishes. We sometimes wish certain things were different; that life were happier; that there would go away; that we had lots of money; that we had no troubles or worries; that people were friendlier to one another; that school work were easier or more interesting; yes, all of us wish for many things. This

the Garden Club will have a plant sale, not to mention coffee, cake, sandwiches and pies. Quite an ambitious undertaking for the Days Creek Garden Club, but it is their fourth show so I guess they are used to all that work by now. Do hope it is a pretty day—like today is, at the moment. I do enjoy Flower Shows. Many of the Roseburg Flower Show exhibits—and others visited years ago—are still fresh in my memory.

I suppose the reason we women love flowers so much is that so many of them have a special meaning, and bring back so many memories. Sight of a long-stemmed rose brings back a morning when I clutched a yard-long box of American Beauty roses in my arm and rode on top of a Fifth Avenue bus just after a rain. I also was clutching a package containing a large photograph which I had carried in to New York to show my parents. Guess whose picture? And guess who sent the roses? HE sent them because he "couldn't be there"—and then he came knocking at the door, before noon, to my thrilled delight! Up from Philadelphia.

Violets and daffodils give me a nostalgic thought of Fifth Avenue, too, after a rain. Odd, how a memory remains through the years, isn't it? I've been in so many cities since, and have seen violets and daffodils in many other places all my life. Ever play the game of Associations? It's fun and interesting, too. All it takes is a sheet of paper, and pencil for each player, and someone to read a list of words. As you hear each word you write down after that number the exact thought, just a word or two, coming to mind when you hear the word. Or each answer in turn aloud. Try it sometime.

wishing well will help us to find out more about the wishes of boys and girls in the United States." I guess that is important to know, these days. But the whole atmosphere of this deal suggests that a bigger purpose here is to plant ideas, not to get facts. Wonder who's behind it?

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

In the Day's News

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"Without doubt, this circumvents the 1915 law which tried to bind delegates to the popular choice."

These candidates for delegate to the Republican national convention (there are eight of them) who have filed by petition in order to be free to support whomever they please, regardless of the popular vote in the preference primary, are:

For delegate-at-large: Lowell C. Paget, Mrs. Irene Gerlinger, John R. Latourette Jr., Irving Rand, Robert A. Bennett and Phil Metschan (nephew of the late Phil Metschan). For delegate from the second district: U. S. Balentine. For delegate from the fourth district, Ernest G. Swigert.

I have no objection to anyone being for Mr. Taft for President. Choosing your candidates and doing everything you can within the limits of good sportsmanship and good citizenship to get him elected is about as fundamental in our system as anything could be. And as Sprague says, it can hardly be labeled as a political trick because the significance of this way of becoming a candidate for delegate has been well publicized.

But I think it would have been much better if these candidates had announced flatly that if they are elected they will support Mr. Taft, regardless of the outcome of the preference of the voters as expressed at the primary. It would have been even better if they had explained that they filed by petition in order to be free to vote for Mr. Taft and had added that they filed that way specifically in order to get, if possible, some Oregon delegates for Taft even though he had not chosen to submit his name at the Oregon primary.

For that matter, I think it would have been better still if they had circulated petitions and had filed Mr. Taft's name as a regular candidate, whether he wanted to come into the primary or not. If we're going to have "preference" primaries, how are the voters to express a real preference if the names of the candidates are not on the primary ballot?

Anyway, I shall take care not to vote for any of these candidates at the primary election on Friday. I am for Eisenhower. I'm not ashamed of it. So I don't want to vote for anyone who would thwart my desire to see Ike get ALL the Republican delegates from Oregon.

On the other hand, I wouldn't want to discourage any Taft voter from writing in Mr. Taft's name on the ballot. I think all elections, including primaries, should be completely free and open. Even if Mr. Taft didn't choose to file as a candidate in Oregon, there is no reason why his supporters should not write in his name.

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Reader Opinions

Daylight Time Order Stirs Anger At Wilbur

ROSEBURG — There was fire and smoke in the air the morning of May 10 at the Wilbur school. The parents are in a very hostile mood over daylight time. They feel they have been imposed upon to the breaking point by the Roseburg school board which controls the Wilbur school through merger.

The general opinion seems to be that the Roseburg directors are anything but gentlemen and have evidently forgotten what our Constitution stands for, and it was thought best that if we had to sub place it with the red flag that down the American flag and replace it with the red flag that Russia uses. Then we would understand that at last we were truly under submission.

The teachers and principal are for standard time. The children are for standard time. And we want to know if it is any of the Roseburg school directors' business if our children go to school on standard time.

We think not, and to be dictated to by any faction that seems to disregard the laws of this state and the will of the general public is too much like submission; and that is one thing, and one reason, why our sons (mine among them) are in Korea today.

Our public officials seem proud of the fact that they can dictate to the general public. It must be a great feeling. Blood and tears find no room in their hearts. Freedom is slipping from our grasp.

God pity us, our public officials, and the men we should look to for leadership are selling the boys down the river—the river of blood!

I wish my son were home.

L. L. DAVIS
Rt. 2, Box 1185
Roseburg, Ore.

'Beautiful Mess' Seen In Time Situation

ROSEBURG — The picture of our county clerk preparing for the coming primaries, as portrayed in a recent edition of The News-Review, must have brought a chuckle from more persons than myself.

No disrespect to Mr. Agee is intended or implied.

But why should our devoted county employees work overtime and worry about the correct literature reaching every voter? In fact, why should any voter bother himself with going to the polls? Let's just allow those few bigoted, selfish, obstinate men responsible for this time situation make all future decisions for us. They will take it upon themselves to do so anyway, since they cannot even be good sportsmen.

What a beautiful mess we have in this wonderful(?) city of Roseburg!

MRS. ROBERT MORRIS
Roseburg, Ore.

Parking Time Confusion Branded Smelly Affair

ROSEBURG — In regard to the City of Roseburg and its police force, it is O.K. with me for them to call 6 o'clock 7 o'clock, or 4 or 9 o'clock or any time else they want to. That will not change the time the sun comes up or goes down. I will go to work when I get ready and quit when I give out anyway.

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