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BASEBALL'S ANGEL

Charles V. Stanton

Baseball appears to be undergoing a financial revolution in Southwestern Oregon. And it is all to the good, insofar as fans are concerned.

In this area the timber industry is rapidly taking over the job of baseball's "angel."

Baseball must be sponsored. Gate receipts will not pay the cost of a team or a league. At every level of the national pastime some outside help is required. For many years the liquor industry has been a heavy contributor.

Before prohibition, baseball teams usually received their financial aid from saloons and distillers. Those interests still are active in many parts of the country.

Inasmuch as hard liquors in Oregon were placed under state control, baseball sponsorship fell upon beer taverns, brewing companies and distributors. Our own Umpqua Chiefs received much help from those sources. Thousands of dollars were contributed by tavern operators and distributors, not only to help the team with its expenses but in building the baseball diamond at Finlay field, erecting the grandstand and installing lights.

But in late years the lumber industry has become more and more interested. Local lumbermen were joint contributors with the beer handlers to Roseburg's team and field improvements. They also have been generous with other teams of the county. Now it appears that the lumber industry is virtually taking over baseball in the southwestern part of the state. Rivalry is so keen that fans will be enabled to see baseball of superior quality.

Top Players Sprinkle Lineups

In Coos County the rivalry became so keen that financing is almost unlimited. Team managers are offering compensation comparing with that paid in the Pacific Coast League. Managers, in areas where rivalry is less aggressive, are complaining that they are unable to organize comparable teams because they can't meet pay schedules set up by the Coos County sponsors.

News now has leaked out that Drain is not to be outdone by any of the communities entered in the league. The Drain team, according to reports, has procured some outstanding talent including Harve Storey and Roy Heiser, the latter one of the Coast League's best known hurlers.

Drain sportsmen must be handed an orchid for their achievements in promoting sports and recreation in their community.

Drain's Living War Memorial—swimming pool, lighted recreation park, etc.—has received nationwide commendation. The high school baseball team has been outstanding in the state. Drain's American Legion baseball team has consistently been in the upper bracket. The County B League basketball tournament is held at Drain. Now the community, through financial assistance from lumber operators, is preparing to field a baseball team studded with top players.

In other lumber producing centers of the state, the industry has been most generous in support of baseball, but nowhere has competition reached the stage now existing in southwestern Oregon, where baseball fans are assured of teams capable of giving almost any Coast League squad a real battle.



Since the gremlins outwitted the proofreader in Tuesday's column, I'd like to repeat the poem.

SEA HORSES

Little Sea Horses, fabulous creatures
Gazing and grating on submarine greenery.
Not going anywhere, not doing anything,
Simply serenely enjoying the scenery.

Don Blanding, Bend, Oregon,
in The Archer.

I guess the reason the four lines delighted me just then was that in a few minutes I was going to take off for a long drive during which I anticipated I'd sit hour after hour "not doing anything," serenely enjoying the scenery.

It was restful, too. I was where the house couldn't nag me to do this and do that! It takes not only a "heap o' living" to make a home, but also a heap of work, but bit by bit the things are getting done.

As we drove along, happily si-

House Votes Tax Relief For Itself And Senators

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a complete reversal of previous demands for belt-tightening economy, the House has voted substantial tax relief for itself and senators and free hometown office space for Congressmen.

The measure swept through the House Thursday as it passed the first of the annual domestic budget bills to operate Congress.

On all previous budget bills except one financing local river and harbor and flood control projects, the House had reduced allocations recommended by its Appropriations Committee. Demands for economy accompanied all the reductions.

The Congressional budget bill cleared by voice vote and went to the Senate with the distinction of being the first bill this year on which the House actually raised the allotments recommended by the Appropriations Committee.

The bill's total of \$82,391,780 was \$1,500 more than the committee had suggested, although about 10 million below Budget Bureau recommendations.

The money finances Congress, the Library of Congress, the Government Printing Office and related arms of the legislative department.

The \$1,500 increase was for installation of more traffic signs and signals on Capitol Hill.

But two other amendments, tax relief and free office rental, could run the added cost of the bill into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The tax amendment was offered

A Third-Party, Sure Cools Off a Honeymoon Quick



Fulton Lewis Jr.



SAN FRANCISCO — One of the most important election contests for California Republicans, and maybe the entire nation, is under way in the San Fernando Valley section of the state.

It is a new election district—the Twenty-Second—created by a recent population shift in the valley area. Farmers, motion picture industry employees and aircraft plant workers populate the booming area, where Republican orators are fighting for the right to represent the valley in a new congressional seat in Washington.

Five Republicans are in the race. They are Joseph Holt, State Senator Jack Tenney, Albert Levitt, Floyd McCann, and Willis E. Stone.

Four Democrats are running for that party nomination, but the only candidate conceded a chance is a professor of political science at UCLA, Doctor Dean McHenry.

The interest in the GOP contest, for it is here that the parties' divergent views are sharply represented in the personalities involved. The most recent registration in the area reveals a count of five to four Democratic, which indicates that the district will go Republican in the fall. Strange as this may sound, it is true. In 1950, with a state registration of approximately three million Democrats and two million Republicans, GOP candidates won all state offices.

The real battle in the Twenty-Second is between Tenney and Holt. Tenney is well known for his vigorous assaults on Communists and left-wingers when he was head of the State Committee on Un-American Activities. Holt, a war veteran who was called back into service with the Marines at the start of the Korean war, became known in the state as the manager of Senator Richard Nixon's successful race for the U. S. senate. He is now out of uniform and busy stumping the district.

Holt exemplifies the thinking that the Republican party associates with Senators Lodge, Duff and Saltonstall, along with Governor Thomas E. Dewey and presumably General Dwight D. Eisenhower. He is an advocate of widespread U. S. intervention in foreign countries, on domestic policies he is probably best characterized as a so-called liberal.

Tenney, a colorful orator, has by Democratic Leader McCormack of Massachusetts and approved without a show of opposition or discussion.

The bill's Democratic and Republican managers announced willingness to accept it and the other members went along.

An examination of the amendment by newsmen disclosed its intent, which McCormack verified. It says that for purposes of federal taxation, members of Congress have their place of residence in the state or district they represent.

This means that their expenses while on official business away from home are deductible as business expenses for tax purposes.

Since Congress normally stays in session almost the entire year, a member could deduct the cost of his housing, meals, transportation, business entertainment, laundry and many other things while in Washington.

For most members this could mean a tax reduction of around \$2,000 annually. Those with higher than average living standards might pay no taxes at all.

Congress Chat

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH,
M. C., 4th Oregon District

If this session of Congress adjourns about July 1 as is being planned, it has now run more than two-thirds of its length. The session began the first week in January and has completed four months of work, with two months to go. Suppose then we take a look at what has been accomplished thus far.

A quick reference to the most important legislation is always available on the back page of the daily Calendar of the House. The Calendar, by the way, grows thicker daily with the advance of the legislative term. Now it is a book containing nearly 200 pages. In it, however, is a complete history of all legislation reported from committees pending in this Congress.

The back page has this heading: "Status of Major Bills—Second Session." The space is blank except for a line devoted to the U. M. T. bill which was considered in the house but sent back to committee. The story on appropriation bills, which must originate in the house, is better—all eleven of them having been passed by the House. Three of these have been acted upon by the Senate thus far, so the score on major legislation, except for appropriations bills is zero for this session.

The Calendar lists only two secondary bills which have been through both Houses and through conference this year and made in law. One has to do with the illegal entry of aliens, and the other is a bill to transfer certain investigations of employees from the F. B. I. to the Civil Service Commission.

The future, the remainder of this Congress, will apparently not be bristling with excitement or constructive action. The House has passed a few bills which are still pending in the Senate including the armed services catalog bill, the fair trade bill, a bill to change railroad unemployment insurance act benefits, and some others.

Bills cleared by the House Rules Committee and awaiting floor action include the revision of the communications act of 1934 (radio bill), a bill to approve the Puerto Rican constitution, and the regular bi-annual Federal highway act amendments. Very few bills reported by legislative committees are now awaiting Rules Committee action.

In one field, however, this Congress has been outstanding. More investigations by Congressional committees are now in progress or have been conducted during this term of Congress than ever before. This is one of the important functions of Congress. Some fine work has been done and there will be more revelations to come. I suppose the reason for all of this investigating activity is that there has never before been an administration which needed investigating so badly.

That is a quick, thumb-nail sketch of the 82nd Congress to date. The legislative committees are working, of course, and more legislation will be reported to the floor, but the summary above is the score up to now.

President Truman, you will recall, campaigned for re-election in 1948 on what he asserted was the bad record of the 80th Republican-controlled Congress. (The four years since have proved that Congress to have been more constructive and productive of good legislation than any Congress in a couple of decades). The President's party has controlled this, the 82nd Congress. We Republican members have been in the minority.

I wonder what Mr. Truman will have to say about this "election year" Congress when he campaigns for his party this time.

In the Day's News

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the majority choice of Oregon Republicans voting in the primary.

There were SIX who had filed by petition, and were free under an older law to support in the convention (in the event they won as delegates) WHOMEVER THEY PLEASED, regardless of the preferential vote in the Republican primary. It was presumed (although none of them admitted it) that these six were for Taft and filed by petition deliberately in order to be able to support Taft, no matter how Oregon Republicans voted as a whole.

Nearly all of the six are well known, and it is always a reasonable assumption that well known names — other things being equal — will fare well in a statewide election. It seemed probable that one or more of the six would ride through on that basis.

It was a clever stratagem. But the Republicans of Oregon solved it and checkmated it. As this is written, the top vote-getter of the six unpledged delegates-at-large candidates is running well behind the BOTTOM vote-getter of the sure-fire Eisenhower delegate list.

It was a prize example of intelligent voting and as such is most encouraging.

I don't want to intimate that there was skulduggery on the part of the six candidates for delegate-at-large who filed by petition. What they did was entirely legal. I'd say they simply took advantage of an opportunity provided by Oregon primary election laws to slip through (maybe) a few Taft delegates in an Oregon primary that was generally expected to result in an overwhelming Eisenhower preference — as it did.

If these Six Musketeers skated close at any point to the edge of political deception, it was in their complete silence as to their preference among the candidates for the Republican nomination for President. If they had all announced, openly and frankly, that they had filed (quite legally) by petition IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO VOTE FOR MR. TAFT even though the preference of Oregon Republicans as expressed in the primary was for Eisenhower, there would have been nothing wrong with their stratagem.

I think it likely that in such an event one or more of them would have been elected, for there are many Taft supporters among Oregon Republicans and these people would have been inclined to concentrate on the unpledged six.

My personal opinion is that complete frankness and sincerity PAYS IN POLITICS, as it pays in business and social life. I think it would have paid in this instance.

I don't want to appear to dwell too long on this incident of the Six Musketeers — "all for one and one for all." It just seems to indicate that there was an instance in which considerable numbers of citizens voted intelligently and discriminatingly in a situation in which they could easily have been misled by a clever political trick.

That is ENCOURAGING — for all the political ills that beset us could be CURED by more intelligent and more discriminating voting on the part of our voting citizens.

Railway Mail Clerk Collapses, Dies On Train

GRANTS PASS (AP)—Fred J. Holmes, a railway mail clerk on the Portland - Ashland run, collapsed and died as his train approached here from the North Thursday morning.

A fellow-clerk, George Cole, said Holmes apparently was stricken by a heart attack.

Holmes, 58, lived on Vinyard Road south of Milwaukie. In 1916 he was a rural mail carrier out of the Marshfield Postoffice and the following year transferred to Portland.

His wife, Alice, survives.

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Vote Gives States Oil Lands' Title

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate passed a bill Friday giving the states clear title to oil-rich submerged lands off their coasts. This sent the legislation to President Truman, for approval or veto.

The Senate acted by voice vote on which members are not recorded.

The issue is state - vs. - federal ownership. Truman vetoed a state ownership bill in 1946 but has not said publicly what he will do about this one. Most capitol guesses were he would veto it.

California, Texas and Louisiana are most directly concerned. Ex-

perts have estimated the worth of oil in the submerged lands off their coasts at anywhere from 22 to 39 billion dollars.

The Supreme Court has ruled three times that the federal government has "paramount rights" over the lands.

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