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VITAL WRITE-IN VOTE

Charles V. Stanton

The write-in vote for presidential nominee may become a vital issue when the official tabulation of Oregon's vote at last Friday's primary election is announced.

It is evident from the unofficial returns that Oregon Republicans are enthusiastically supporting General Eisenhower. Strategy of the Taft forces to divide the delegation by concentrating on six unpledged delegates—persons well known to voters—while the Eisenhower vote scattered over 44 candidates, doubtless would have worked had it not been for widespread publicity. Realizing the nature of the scheme devised to divide the delegation, Eisenhower supporters placed their strength behind the 10-man slate declared for the general. Doubtless some votes were lost to the Eisenhower ten through animosity aroused by proposing a hand-picked slate of only 10. The vote indicates that it would have been far better had the list contained at least 15 names. At least, the plan to limit dispersion of Eisenhower strength worked and the general gets all 18 of the state's delegates.

But the final tabulation will show a considerable number of Taft write-in votes. It was impossible to gather the total of Taft write-ins while compiling the unofficial count. We must wait until the official tabulation is made to learn his full strength.

Democrats Strong For Ike

But even more interesting will be the write-in vote on the Democratic ballot. Preliminary reports indicate that Ike's name was written in freely by Democrats. He will not, of course, rank up with the overwhelming vote given Kefauver, but from his write-ins it will be possible to do some calculating on vote percentages as an aid to forecasting the November results.

A large part of the so-called independent vote is registered with the Democratic party. This is particularly true in Oregon where affiliation with one or the other of the major parties is necessary to vote in primary elections. Thousands of voters who actually have no party preference have aligned themselves with the Democrats in this state. Thus they are able to vote at primary elections. It is indicated that many of the independent voters wrote Eisenhower's name on their ballots.

The independent vote elects presidents. Neither party controls enough votes to elect. In the last two presidential elections a very small percentage shift of the independent vote could have changed results.

Thus, if as presently claimed, the Democratic ballot shows a heavy Eisenhower write-in vote—a vote doubtless representative of the independent element—that fact will have considerable influence at the Republican convention where vote-getting qualifications of respective candidates will be minutely weighed.

Oregon's Action Carries Influence

There can be little question that Eisenhower's overwhelming victory in Oregon will be of much importance in the convention.

The state's 18 delegates are to be called into caucus at Portland Wednesday to elect their chairman and arrange plans for participating in the convention at Chicago July 7. It is predicted that Governor Douglas McKay will be made chairman. His official position as governor of Oregon will give the state's delegation much prestige in convention politics. With Senator Morse appealing to the maverick factions participating in the Eisenhower campaign, the combination should make the Oregon delegation a very influential unit.

If this delegation can show the convention that Oregon Republican voters gave practically no consideration to Taft, and that Democrats, particularly independent voters, showed strong preference for Eisenhower, it might prove to be an argument upon which convention action would pivot. Thus the write-in vote on both ballots assumes an important role.



Whether one flies over Oregon or rides along the highways, doesn't it amaze you how sparsely populated the state is? How soon one is out in the country again, no matter what city or town one rides through! But in addition to the natural scenery of trees and waterfalls and lakes and rivers, there is much of interest which, perhaps, the viewer does not guess—unless the "Oregon Guide" or some such eye-opener is at hand. Highway 97 south of Chemult must run for at least fifty miles through the Klamath Indian Reservation, but the only Indians we saw were in a smart station wagon, and the driver looked as if she had just left a beauty shop. The Oregon Guide tells us that the Reservation contains more than a million acres! Two hundred thousand head of cattle were brought in from the dust bowl areas (at some time prior to 1940 when this edition of the Oregon Guide was published by Binford & Mort) for distribution. Signs pointing to the same white, glistening mountain varied. One called it Mt. Scott, the other Mt. McLoughlin. I remember the pilot of a plane, as we flew surprisingly close, pointing to it and saying, "When you've seen Mt. McLoughlin, you've seen Fujiyama. Looks just the same," and then he added: "Some folks call Mt. McLoughlin Mt. Scott." Why is that, do you suppose? Wish someone would tell us the reason. Incidentally that area around

Modoc Point used to be called "the dark and bloody ground of the Pacific" because the ancestors of the Indians now farming, ranching, working in the mills and so on, resisted the whites' colonization so bitterly. Although the vast acreage was set aside by treaty in 1865, it was not until 1870 that the Modocs finally ceased resistance and agreed to live on the Reservation. When I hear about that part of our history (confining the Indians who owned the land before we ever saw it), I always wonder how we should like to have another race come in now and say "You do this or else—" and expect, in addition, that we should be pleasant about it!

Rose Show Scheduled In June By Woman's Club

A Roseburg Rose Show, sponsored by the Roseburg Woman's Club, will be held June 3 and 4 at the clubhouse, 201 W. Mosher St., it was announced today. Rose growers wishing to enter the show obtain information from the chairman and co-chairman, Mrs. O. D. Gosnell and Mrs. Dan O'Bannon, or from the contact chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Ford. Full details and copy of the schedule will appear later. To be sure blooms meet specifications, growers were urged to fertilize, water and spray all bushes and to debut the hybrid tea and hybrid perpetual varieties.

The Big Parade



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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SAN FRANCISCO—The eccentricities of politics always will be many and varied, but never more so than in California this year where the political behavior of Gov. Earl Warren as a GOP presidential hopeful defies comparison.

As a Democratic candidate, yes. On the GOP side it belongs in Alice in Wonderland.

Warren has been praised by President Truman as more Democratic than Republican, and now appears to be trying to live up to the praise. At least it seemed so when he was swapping compliments recently with Adlai Stevenson, the Democratic governor of Illinois.

Now Warren is being even more weird and strange. He is making statements critical of huge federal government spending and the act resembles a man talking to himself in the mirror.

Warren has an unsurpassed record of extracting a huge toll of taxes from California paychecks, yet he is running on a platform opposed to high public spending. The governor has, in fact, picked out of taxpayers' pockets eight years in office almost double the amount collected in the state during the previous 100 years.

Despite the governor's free spending policies, the state condemned high federal taxation and pointed out that of every \$19 paid to Washington in taxes less than \$1 is returned to the state. This was for the 1950-51 period. It will be less than a dollar in 1952.

California residents, in the last fiscal year, paid \$3,500,000,000 in federal taxes. An increase up to \$4,743,000,000 is expected for this fiscal year. Of this sum less than \$20,000,000 will be returned to the state by the Truman Administration.

Warren is also complaining about the Taft-Hartley labor law at the same time his supporters are describing the President's seizure of the steel mills as "a step down the road to complete Socialism and dictatorship." And he is calling on California voters to "throw out of office an administrator that tramples on the rights of our people with such brazen effrontery."

The President refused to invoke the provisions of the Taft-Hartley law to avert the steel strike, but this was not disturbing to the so-called Republican governor of California. Instead of supporting his party on the issue, he issues public statements labeling the law as lacking amendments to "make it conform to the realities of the situation." There is hardly anything more realistic than the fact that Mr. Truman chose to ignore the law of the land.

Warren is specifically critical of

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Elkton Man Polls Citizens On DST Controversy

By MRS. GRACE SAWYERS

A total of 197 citizens voted at the primary election polling place in the I.O.O.F. Hall on May 16. The Elkton Chevron station is busy polling motorists for standard or daylight time.

Escorted by their principal, Louis Price, the eighth grade graduating class went to Corvallis on Wednesday, May 14. It was their "Sneak Day." The group, 25 students plus escorts, motored to the college town and visited the noted points. All reported a joyous time.

Several Elktonites attended the Assembly of God Missionary Council, held Wednesday, May 14, in Eugene. They included Mrs. Eugene Gould and son, Paul, Mrs. Audrey Alley, Mrs. John Channer, Mrs. Sigfred Anderson and Mrs. Bessie Repliger.

Mrs. Grace Sawyers was an Eugene business visitor Wednesday. Dick Weatherly of Weatherly Creek is reported as "not so well." Er, 312 Broadway, \$20 bail forfeited in the woods on Monday, May 12. Mrs. Geis Fulmer and baby daughter, Mary Carolyn, are visiting Mrs. Fulmer's parents in Castle Rock, Wash.

Mrs. Marcella Henderer and daughter, Diana, were guests at the Mrs. Bill Weatherly home by Weatherly Creek, Tuesday.

W. L. Anderson transacted business in Roseburg on Wednesday, May 14.

In the Day's News

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sternly banned all jitterbug dancing in the town hall.

Morally bad? No. The town engineer reported that local hep-cats had BOUNCED THE FLOOR BOARDS LOOSE.

Prineville, Oregon: "The Oregon Cattlemen's association, meeting here last week, proposed that brand fees be raised or cattle and horses be taxed to provide funds for an expanded brand inspection program."

Holy cow! Do these Oregon cattlemen mean they want to pay for an expanded brand inspection program THEMSELVES instead of asking Uncle to pay the bill?

I expect that's exactly what they mean. Cattlemen generally are Oregon cattlemen particularly are sound economic thinkers and haven't much use for government subsidies.

On the subject of subsidies, the cattlemen are evidently in agreement with these stanzas from Lydia Huntly Sigourney's poem, "The Camel's Nose":

Through the open window's space Behold, a camel thrust his face. "My nose is cold," he meekly cried, "Oh, let me warm it by thy side." To evil habit's earliest weed Lend neither ear nor glance nor smile— Choke the dark fountain ere it flows, Nor e'en admit the camel's nose.

It might be added that the potato men admitted the camel's nose in the form of a government subsidy to maintain a floor under prices and eventually the camel more or less crowded them out of house and home with a government CEILING on prices.

Los Angeles: "It took an art dealer 30 minutes to convince customs officials that one of three brightly-colored posters by famed French painter Henri Matisse ACTUALLY IS ART."

That's one time when I find I can agree with government officials.

Buckaroo Square Dance Club To Meet Tonight

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Reader Opinions

Cites Daylight Saving As Popular Vote Futility

ROSEBURG — (To The Editor) — No doubt you will have more than my comment on your tactless editorial of Thursday, May 15, but this is my opinion of it:

Do you honestly believe, Mr. Editor, that people would rush to the polls to vote just because there was a daylight saving time measure on the ballot when, otherwise, they had intended to skip voting? The people who care about this illegal daylight saving time that has been forced on us are the good people who went to the polls and voted to pass a law that would do away with messes like the state is in now. And there, Mr. Editor, is the point of the whole matter!

We voted, mind you, voted to do away with daylight saving time unless the governor of this state could see that it was really an economic necessity to set the clocks ahead. Then our vote gave the governor, and only the governor, power to order the clocks set ahead.

Now you write a "kick-them-while-they're-down" editorial saying that people all are interested in a "little thing" but won't bother to go out and vote on matters of national importance.

Would you answer this one question, Mr. Editor: if we do go out and vote for what we want, and pass a state law that pleases the majority, and that same law is completely ignored by a few fellows who fancy themselves more important than the common man, then what, Mr. Editor, could we hope to do with our vote in national matters?

If you will count the number of letters you received last year and the number you received this year criticizing daylight saving time, you will easily see that it isn't the time that is the issue but the fact that the power of our vote was completely taken away from us.

Then you say, "remember to vote." I have voted. Do you suppose it will do me any good if I am with the majority?

JEANNE JOHNSON

Roseburg, Ore.

VAGRANT SENTENCED

Jerry Ernen Walker, 18, was lodged in the county jail on a 10-day sentence for vagrancy Monday in district court.

Dewey Blevins, 53, Glendale, was freed after posting \$50 bail on a disorderly conduct charge.

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