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THIRD VOTE COMING UP

By Charles V. Stanton

Roseburg's complicated budget situation will be brought before the city's voters tomorrow for the third time.

Two previous elections attracted only a handful of voters. Less than 10 per cent of the registered vote was polled at each election.

Just what will happen if a third rejection is experienced is difficult to calculate. The city was supposed to have its budget certified by the county assessor by July 15. The second rejection prevented certification by that date. The city secured an extension of time to July 24.

Possibly the assessor would grant time for a fourth election should still another revision of the budget be required. He could, however, refuse an extension. The city then would be limited to the amount permitted under its tax base of \$61,000, in round figures.

Limitation Law Confusing

Technically we are voting tomorrow to allow the city government to exceed the six per cent limitation. We are not, in the legal sense, voting to approve the specific amounts of the budget. We are voting to permit the city to exceed the limitation set by law by not more than \$123,977.92. Actually the amount will be considerably under that sum, as a compromise agreement has been reached to hold salary increases to less amounts than specified by the budget.

We find that many people fail to understand the operation of Oregon's six per cent limitation law. Thus confusion results concerning the real issues.

The law says that any political subdivision having the right to impose a tax may increase the total sum to be collected in taxes by only six per cent per annum. Certain funds, such as bond issues, continuing levies, special sinking funds, etc., set up by vote, are not subject to the limitation. It also is possible, if more money is needed than is obtainable through the six per cent addition to the budget, to secure authority from the people to exceed the legal increase. But this permission must be voted every year. The tax base remains unchanged.

In 1942, ten years ago, for instance, Roseburg had a tax base of around \$35,000. To this base we have been able to add only six per cent each year. Last year the base had grown to \$58,318.90. This year, by adding six per cent, we have a base of \$61,817.

Valuation Does Not Affect Base

The law has no provision for community growth. Roseburg has more than doubled both in population and taxable value in the past 10 years. But our tax base has increased only 60 per cent.

In 1942 the city had taxable valuation of \$4,389,630. The last valuation was \$9,965,465. Assessments now being prepared are expected to bring this figure well over \$10,000,000 for the fiscal year of 1952-53. But, regardless of the rate at which assessed valuation grows, we still can add only 6 per cent annually to the tax base.

The fact that we have grown so rapidly still does not permit us to increase our budget by more than six per cent per year. Obviously we can't operate the city on the amount of money obtainable under this outmoded law, so the city must go to the voters every year to obtain authority to raise more funds.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that in 1942, with an assessed valuation of \$4,389,630 and a tax base of around \$35,000, the rate of levy for city purposes was 19.5 mills. For the 1951-52 fiscal year, with a valuation of \$9,965,465, the rate of taxation, including the excess amount authorized by the city's voters, the millage rate was 19.9 mills. For the coming year it is estimated that the rate will be comparable with last year, although the exact rate cannot be compiled until the final budget figures are available and the new assessed valuation calculated. At any event, the increase could not be more than about two mills. Thus, despite our growth and the fact that the city is spending more than four times as much money as in 1942 to maintain municipal services, the cost to the individual taxpayer shows very little increase.

Following Tuesday's election, the budget committee will hold a public meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., DST, at the City Hall.

If voters grant permission to exceed the six per cent limitation, the committee then will proceed to adopt the budget in its final form. It has the right to eliminate any item but can increase only in an amount not exceeding 10 per cent as shown in the published budget. It has been pledged that cuts shall be made in published salary items. No increases are contemplated. Any interested person has a right to speak at the public hearing.

Should the city be denied the right to exceed the legal limitation, it is anybody's guess what will happen next.

"Er—I'll Sit This One Out"



Fulton Lewis Jr.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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CHICAGO — Democrats opening their 31st national convention here have an overwhelming precedent for selecting presidential nominees from the sidewalks of New York.

Out of the twenty-odd conventions held so far since 1860, the Democrats have picked New York 14 times. The only candidate of consequence from that state today is W. Averell Harriman, the ostensible choice of President Harry S. Truman. Before the week has ended Harriman may make it 15 nominations.

Georgia has never produced a Democratic president, but the home state of Senator Richard Russell is responsible for a vice presidential nominee in 1860, Herschel V. Johnson.

The home state of Senator Estes Kefauver, Tennessee, on the other hand, sent two successful candidates to Democratic conventions. They were Andrew Jackson in 1832 and James K. Polk in 1844.

The Democrats have never selected a presidential or vice presidential nominee from Oklahoma, the home state of Senator Robert S. Kerr, a candidate for the nomination at Chicago now.

Convention histories reveal that the Democrats also have shied away from Kentucky in selecting their presidential nominees. The party, however, has elected vice presidents from the home state of Vice President Alben Barkley, himself a presidential possibility this year.

President Harry S. Truman, incidentally, was the third man from Missouri chosen for the vice president by the Democrats, but the only one ever selected for the presidential nomination from that state.

Not since 1924 have the Democrats engaged in a prolonged wrangle over their choice for president. That was the year an all-time record of 103 roll calls was set before John W. Davis, of West Virginia and New York, was selected. Four years prior to Davis' nomination 44 ballots were required to nominate James M. Cox of Ohio.

The Democrats have nominated presidential candidates by acclamation seven times since 1832. The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt was accorded this honor on three out of the seven occasions. No one expects the nominee to be named this week by acclamation. In fact, the opposite is anticipated, although not even the most pessimistic party hack expects the 1924 record to be broken.

In general, the Democrats have consistently alternated between the Midwest and South for their number two man whenever the presidential candidate resided in the East. The major exception was

900 and the city park superintendent \$4,740.

All of these men knew in advance that their salaries were to be so much. Yet they elect to take the positions but after taking them immediately start to cry about how poorly paid they are. These salaries are on a 12-month basis and compare very favorably with all the highly paid loggers who are allowed to work about six or eight months of the year due to strikes and weather conditions. If these men don't like the job or pay, for heaven's sake let them quit and stop crabbing.

With \$30,000 left in the airport fund why spend it all on a building for the airlines. No one in Roseburg except private capital built a bus depot for the bus lines or a terminal for the freight trucks.

We need many things here in Roseburg, among them a city hall, sewer systems, street stop signs. Let's get together and fight for some of these instead of raising taxes all the time. That is a peculiar expression as we can't have things without paying for them, but if we can't pay for them, let's get along without them.

Unfortunately, I cannot vote on the budget and I hate destructive criticism. But I still feel that concessions could be made by the budget committee and the council which would reduce this budget by more than the proposed \$9,000.

B. R. SHOEMAKER
Roseburg, Ore.

(Editor's Note—The Council and Budget Committee have agreed to limit salary increases to five percent, instead of the amounts specified in the original budget, which would reduce the budget about \$18,000 in addition to the \$9,000 cut previously made. These cuts also would bring salaries down considerably from the amounts used for comparison by the above writer.)

Western States Bloc Outlines Platform Ideas

By B. L. LIVINGSTONE

CHICAGO AP — An aggressive western state bloc made clear Monday it is prepared to dictate its own ideas about the western plank in the 1952 Democratic platform.

The western states conference—comprising delegates from the 11 western states, Hawaii and Alaska—shouted approval Sunday night of recommendations for a "liberal" platform policy covering western issues, and named Sen. Warren G. Magnuson of Washington to lead the fight to incorporate them in the platform.

Among other things, western delegates endorsed more federal aid for development of the west's resources; government incentives for mineral exploration and stockpiling, statehood for Alaska and Hawaii, and public construction of power transmission lines.

There also was new evidence that the western states, as an organized bloc, was ready to make its weight felt in the convention itself.

Calvin W. Rawlings, conference chairman, told delegates that the western bloc should back a presidential candidate "favorable to development of our western resources."

He reminded the group that the western states represent 210 presidential electors, "within 50 of being enough to elect a president."

"In solidarity there is strength," he declared.

Calling the Republican platform "generalized," Magnuson told the westerners "you're going to have a Democratic platform that isn't going to equivocate on anything."

In a last-minute move, the conference also endorsed a proposal to include in the platform a pledge to amend the "anti-Democratic" rules of the senate on filibustering.

The recommendation, made by Oregon National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland, was aimed at Senate rules which permit southern senators to block civil rights legislation by unlimited debate.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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decision not to run because, says D'Alessandro to Truman: "YOU ARE NEEDED BADLY."

That's the "indispensable man" theme. It has worked in the past, and it might work again.

A Chicago dispatch says: "The merry-go-round among the Democratic candidates always seems to come back to the reluctant Stevenson, who seems to have some of the politicians almost beside themselves with frustration."

"But after a conference with the Illinois governor, one of the Democratic powers Jake Arvy, Chicago boss—says that if there is a convention deadlock he is certain Stevenson will accept the nomination."

The will-be-or-won't-be talk turned out to be a wonderful builder-upper of interest in and sentiment for Ike. Maybe the Democrats are doing a little copy-casting.

President Truman's convention alternate, Thomas Gavin of Kansas City, says to be GIVEN THE WORD on how to vote on the first ballot. Gavin won't say whom the President favors, but Senator Maybank of South Carolina claims a reliable informant has told him the President wants Averell Harriman.

It isn't any of my business, because I'm going to vote for Ike anyway, but I'm getting personally fed up with these silk-stocking rich who go into politics and start hob-nobbing with the overalls to GET VOTES.

There is no indication of progress in Korea as this is written toward settling the truce-blocking issue of exchange of prisoners. At the moment, the tempo of the fighting on blood-soaked Old Baldy has been stepped up sharply.

It's off-ag'in, on-ag'in so far as a Korean truce is concerned. I expect that's the way it will be as long as the master minds in the Kremlin can make us dance every time they call the tune.

I wish we could find somebody smart enough to call the tunes and MAKE THE KREMLIN BOYS DANCE. I have a lot of faith that Ike could and would build up a state department capable of doing just that.

Speaking of foreign policy, what do YOU want first and most of all?

Me. I want PEACE. Not peace at any price. Wise and just peace. A peace that will enable the world to move forward toward new and better things—instead of slipping

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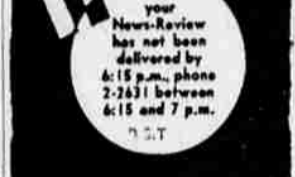
If there is to be peace of that sort, the United States of America will have to LEAD THE WORLD TOWARD IT. We're the only nation on earth with the resources of men and materials to do the job.

If we are to induce our kind of people throughout the world to accept our leadership willingly and cooperatively, we must BE OURSELVES again. We must make people like us and admire us as they did when we were the unquestioned champion of liberty throughout the world. We'll have to quit just making faces at Russia, which is ineffective and DESTRUCTIVE, and start all over again winning friends who will like us FOR OURSELVES instead of merely honeying up to us in the hope of getting more of our money.

A foreign policy of that sort would be CONSTRUCTIVE and effective.

If we're going to GET that kind of foreign policy, I think we'll have to change our leadership at the top and make a fresh start.

I think Ike is the man who can do it, and that's why I'm for him.



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Scraps From the **MENDING BASKET** by **Vahnett Martin** P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

By the time this is in print we shall have had a good look at the Devil's Backbone and have decided if we think it is all that it's cracked up to be. Undoubtedly it is! I have just been reading the history of Crater Lake by Francois E. Matthews, on the back of the Crater Lake map (U.S. Geological Survey, forty cents and worth it!) and probably, as I am smitten with the wonderment that greets the sudden view of the deep blue lake, I shall feel as stunned as the rest, and mutter, "I don't believe it!" It must be quite a sight!

Mr. Matthews gives us a few statistics: "The lake is almost circular, 6 miles across, completely surrounded by cliffs and rock slopes from 500 to 2,000 feet high... the largest and most beautiful of its kind known... an immense jewel of deepest ultramarine blue, shading into turquoise at the borders. Its depth, 2,000 feet, exceeds that of any other body of fresh water in the U. S. It is the size and depth of the huge pit that holds the lake, as well as the riddle of its origin that arouses the wonder and curiosity of the scientists."

"... The broad platform of the volcanic range is entirely of volcanic origin... built up layer upon layer by successive flows of lava and volcanic mud that issued from many irregularly disposed 'vents'... total thickness of layers is several thousand feet, readily appar-

Reader Opinions

Budget Defeat Urged To Halt Rise In Taxes

ROSEBURG — This letter is addressed to the taxpayers of Roseburg as a call to vote again on the city budget in an effort to again vote it down, somewhat as a lesson against a continual rise in taxes. An increase of between \$65,000 and \$100,000 in one year is an item not to be lightly considered.

Comparisons are odious, but compare the county budget with our city budget. The county judge, who has supervision with the commissioners of spending over \$2,000,000, receives \$5,000. (And don't answer by saying he is underpaid.) The new city budget has allotted \$7,500 for our city manager who is going to spend approximately one-tenth of that sum.

The county clerk receives \$4,600 and the city recorder will receive \$4,500. Our sheriff's salary is \$4,600 and the police chief \$5,400. Deputy sheriffs receive \$4,020 and our police the same. The county parks superintendent receives \$3,

ent in the deeper valleys which the streams have carved in the range. Even the gorges of the Columbia and Klamath Rivers, which are the deepest, reveal nothing but lavas of different types and consistencies; they do not reach down to the nonvolcanic rocks of the earth's crust upon which the lava flowed out.

After listing the heights of many Cascade peaks, the author ranks the before-eruption height of Mt. Mazama (Crater Lake) as at least as high as Mt. Rainier, 14,408 ft. or Mt. Shasta, 14,161 ft. Mt. Hood, for comparison, is 11,253 feet. In an explanation too long for this space to condense, two possibilities are discussed. Did Mt. Mazama blow up and outward or did it blow up and collapse inwardly? Geologists believe it collapsed inwardly and left the caldera or crater which rain and snow over the centuries have filled with water to a depth of 2,000 feet!