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VOTERS MUST STUDY

By Charles V. Stanton

Oregon voters will need good eyesight between now and election time. They will have a lot of reading to do. If a voter is to cast his ballot intelligently, he must spend many hours in study.

The November ballot will contain 18 initiative and referendum measures. Eleven of the 18 are for constitutional amendments.

Voters will have an extra source of help in understanding the measures. The last legislature instructed the governor to appoint two persons, these two to select a third, forming a committee to explain each measure. The explanations will be published in the pamphlet the state mails to each registered voter.

The 18 measures are as follows:

1. Terminating World War I and bonus and loan fund.
2. Making office of state superintendent of education appointive instead of elective.
3. Making terms of legislators begin immediately after election.
4. Establishing a budget agency over executive, administrative offices, departments, boards and commissions.
5. Legalizing defective bill titles.
6. Establishing method by which taxing units may set up new tax bases.
7. Extending veteran benefits to veterans of Korean war.
8. Create system for unified school districts.
9. Authorizing hospital in Portland for aged mental patients.
10. Establishment of weight-mile tax system on motor trucks.
11. Authorizing a 3-cents-per-package tax on cigarettes.
12. Limiting state property tax to six mills.
13. Permitting sale of liquor by the drink.
14. Prohibiting pari-mutuel betting at dog and horse races.
15. Prohibiting daylight saving time.
16. Abolishing milk control prices at wholesale and retail level.
17. Prohibiting weight-mile taxes on motor trucks.
18. Requiring legislative re-apportionment on basis of population.

Technical Problems Involved

Some of these proposals are not difficult to understand. The daylight saving time bill and the pari-mutuel betting amendment, for example, may be decided strictly upon personal prejudice. Others are simple of explanation, such as terminating the World War I bonus department which has virtually expired, extending benefits to veterans of the Korean War, making terms of legislators begin the day after election, etc.

But when we get down to other of the measures, we find them complicated and full of highly technical factors.

We find, for example, the proposal of the state to levy a weight-mile tax on motor vehicles — a proposal involving extensive studies of tariffs, highway wear, responsibility for road damage, valuations, employment, transportation fees, and numerous other issues. And we find, too, the proposal to create unified school districts, as recommended in the Holy report — a report that is difficult for even the experts to evaluate. Another toughie is the legislative re-apportionment amendment, embodying highly technical matters of representation for majorities and protection for minorities.

It will not be a difficult matter to vote on the candidates running for federal, state, county, municipal and district offices. But voting intelligently upon the 18 measures appearing on the November ballot will require much study. Several of these proposals will be most vigorously contested. Voters will have a difficult time in selecting fact from propaganda unless they do considerable investigating. Consequently it is advisable to make preparations for extensive study prior to election day.



Americans visiting Canada right now certainly get a shock when they realize the rate of exchange is in favor of Canada! We're so used to thinking of other countries' currency as of less value than ours these days, aren't we? The U. S. News and World Report for Aug. 8 has an interesting article about Canada giving the reasons for this astonishing state of affairs (astonishing to an American, that is).

To save me I never can think of Canada as a "foreign country." We shuttled back and forth so much when we lived for eight years in Detroit — maybe that's why. Even Victoria seems more American than British, except for several items such as accent of the native-born, more leisurely way of shopping and consistent courtesy, and so on.

I was just talking to the manager of the Drain bank, said Leo Regan, when I asked him about the Canadian rate of exchange: "We take in Canadian money here, of course, but send it up to Portland for exchange. We pay for it whatever is the prevailing rate of exchange. It certainly does seem 'different.' Mr. Regan agreed 'to have American money worth less than that of another country. We have heard of people who bought up Canadian money when it was 98 cents or thereabouts just on the chance of this very situation developing. Speculation, of course. Quite legitimate, too."

I remember in Victoria, a couple of years ago as we were about to leave, I laid down quite a bit of Canadian change and asked the motel owner to change it back into U. S. money. He stared at me in outraged indignation. "Do

Miniature Train Crash Kills One, Injures 19

LONDON (AP) — A miniature train jumped its track and crashed into a tree Sunday, killing a 19-year-old baby girl and injuring 19 other joyriding passengers.

The little gasoline-run engine, its three open coaches packed with about 40 parents and children, was chugging around a lake at an amusement park when it derailed and smashed into nearby trees.

Three other amusement trains have been wrecked in Britain in the past three years, killing one person and injuring 27 others.

MANVILLE PICKS NO. 10 MAMARONECK, N. Y. — Asbestos hero Tommy Manville, said yesterday he had picked Corinne Daly, 24, to be his 10th wife.

He and the blue-eyed Brooklyn blonde met last Tuesday.

Manville, 38, was divorced by his ninth wife, Frances Roddy-Eden, in Mexico on Saturday.



Fulton Lewis Jr.



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WASHINGTON — If the decision of Alger Hiss' guilt or innocence had been left to the Communists and liberals, Hiss would be a free man today.

The Communist Daily Worker, for instance, in numerous articles, beginning in 1949, has charged that Hiss was convicted illegally—that he was framed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and an American court.

This same allegation was being echoed as late as July 31, 1952, by a Yale University law professor, Fred Rodell. Rodell sang the same song of grief over Communist Harry Bridges when the latter was convicted of lying about his affiliations. Rodell signed a petition which charged that Bridges was being "railroaded."

Yale University Law School is the home of Thomas I. Emerson, guiding light in the National Lawyers Guild, described by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as Red-controlled. Rodell, from his lofty legal perch at Yale, where his title is professor not propagandist, wrote an article printed in the "Progressive" magazine, a sort of walling wall for crying liberals. In it he made the astounding statement that:

"I was convinced that, regardless of Hiss' innocence or guilt, his conviction was procured in large part by the use of highly suspect and very possibly manufactured evidence; I was convinced that there was something quite malodorous, to put it mildly, about certain FBI activities in connection with the case, and I was convinced that Hiss is entitled, if not to a new trial forthwith, at least to such help from the court as his attorneys need to round up further evidence — of a sort that would make a new trial clearly mandatory."

Rodell charges the FBI with misconduct. He states no proof, no fact, not even a firm allegation to back up his serious utterance. He also prejudices the evidence submitted by Hiss' lawyers for a retrial, before the evidence has been submitted to the court.

A federal judge, of course, denied the retrial motion by labeling the evidence, which Rodell found so sound, as poppycock.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch is another publication which attempted editorially to wrap an aura of reliability around the so-called "new" Hiss evidence. The newspaper indicates that since Chester T. Lane is Hiss' lawyer, the evidence must be authentic and substantial enough for a new trial.

Lane is Hiss' lawyer. In fact he graduated a class ahead of Hiss at the Harvard Law School and has the same circle of acquaintances Hiss had both in New York and Washington. No one doubts, as the St. Louis Post-Dispatch states, "that Lane is wholly respectable and a thoroughly competent member of the bar." But a lawyer's integrity is not evidence and many respectable members of the Bar defend sex criminals and murderers without help from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

There was also a strange outpouring of sentiment for Hiss from such writers as Max Lerner, Marjorie Childs, Frank Kingdon and Joseph and Stewart Alsop. Childs referred to the Hiss affair as "persecution," and Lerner implied that both Hiss and Chambers were guilty. Kingdon excused Hiss as an "honorably intentioned" man who has been distorted by the confusion of the times. The Alsop duo dealt with Secretary of State Dean Acheson's defense of Hiss by

labeling it an example of the secretary's "own high standards."

Senator Richard Nixon, Republican vice presidential nominee, long ago predicted the morass of waiting that would follow in the wake of a Hiss conviction. Nixon guided the Hiss investigation from its inception, battling leftwing and Communist criticism all along the route. He knew Hiss had powerful friends, met them and defeated their arguments with evidence. The doubters today, of course, feel no need to revert to facts when pleading Hiss' innocence. The production of facts is left to the FBI and when they have accumulated the evidence, the liberal attack is switched to label it phony.

The outcries, so far, however, have failed to divert the federal judges who have heard the evidence. In their opinion Hiss is where he belongs — in prison.

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Worst Weather For Forest Fire Lies Just Ahead

Psychologists may be enlisted to lick a vexing forest fire problem, say western forestry leaders.

Nine out of every ten man-caused forest fires start within 100 yards of main travelled roads and highways. Cigarettes thrown out of moving cars by careless motorists, campfires left unattended and uncontrolled debris burning are the major causes of blazes which take a toll of millions of dollars annually of valuable young trees and timber.

How to reduce this careless stumps forestry experts who have used every known method of education in recent years. True points out W. D. Hagenstein, chief forester of Industrial Forestry Association, the number of man-caused forest conflagrations have been cut by two thirds since 1940 with the advent of the Keep Green program in 36 states of the union.

"The crime," says Hagenstein, "is that we should lose any timber from preventable fires."

There is where the psychologists come into the picture. "Maybe they can tell us how to reach the very small percentage of the public," Hagenstein pointed out, "who still persist in careless and wanton acts. At least, it is worth a trial."

"Maybe psychologists can invent a new device-cap technique to shame the violator," the veteran forester suggested. "Those men who deal with human emotions and with cause and effect of people's voluntary and involuntary acts, may conceivably be able to find out what makes an unconscious arsonist out of a person with perfectly normal tendencies."

Forest fire losses so far this year in Washington and Oregon are well below normal, Hagenstein reported, but he cautioned that we are just getting into our worst fire weather and he urged citizens to be extra careful with fire.

The slopes of snowcapped mountains in the Belgian Congo are the home of the last remaining mountain gorillas.

'Get-Out-The-Vote' Campaign Old Idea, But Still Good One In U.S.A.

An outfit called The American Heritage Foundation comes along with an old idea which looks good and some new figures which look bad.

The old idea is that people lucky enough to live in a country where they can vote should do it.

The new figures—new to us, at least—are comparisons of the number of people who vote here and in other countries, and the figures make us look pretty bad. In 1948, for instance, only 51 per cent of the people in this country eligible to vote did so. But in 1948 in Italy 89 per cent of the eligibles voted.

In England last year the figure was 83 per cent. The year before in Belgium it was 90 per cent. In Canada, 75 per cent of the eligibles voted in 1949. In Sweden last year it was 80 per cent.

Furthermore, our voting record has been getting worse for about the last three-quarters of a century. In 1880, for instance, 78.4 per cent of the eligibles in this country voted. It had dropped to 73.5 per cent in 1900. When women voted for the first time in 1920 it dropped to what must have been an all-time low of 49.3 per cent.

Of the approximately 95 million persons eligible to vote in the United States in 1948, only about 60 million even bothered to register. And 48,680,416 actually went to the polls.

What accounts for this poor performance? The Foundation lists what it believes are the reasons. For one thing, too many people think their "one little old vote" can't make any difference one way or the other.

Some are hopeless, because they think things are so bad, and others are indifferent, because they feel things aren't going well enough.

Some don't vote because they're

Husband-Wife Olympiad Stars May Get U.S. Bid

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman believes the amazing husband-wife team from behind the Iron Curtain that won top Olympic honors may help win the peace by visiting the United States.

As a result, Czechoslovakians Emil Zatopek, winner of the marathon, the 5,000 and 10,000 meter races, and his wife Ingrida, who won the javelin throw at the Helsinki, Finland, Olympics recently, may be invited to tour America.

Secretary of Commerce Sawyer originated the idea and Thursday won Truman's okay.

Sawyer then wrote Avery Brundage, president of the Olympic association, urging that Brundage in his official capacity as head of the Olympic Association issue the formal invitation.

Acceptance of such an invitation by Zatopeks would hinge on approval by the Communist Czech government.

Sawyer, a rabid sports fan, was enthusiastic over the whole thing, from both diplomatic and sports angles. He wrote Brundage: "If you could lift the Iron Curtain enough to bring this man and his wife over here it might be the beginning of a happy new program for mankind. It might be the first step toward a permanent peace . . ."

Blind Comedian Killed By Stroke

NEW YORK (AP)—Michael (Mike) Sachs, who continued as a burlesque comedian for seven and a half years after going totally blind, died of a stroke early today.

His wife, who had been his stage partner for 19 years, said he was "so very happy" last night at the thought that they were going to play the season's opening Aug. 23 at the old Howard, Boston burlesque house.

Sachs died in Boulevard Hospital near his Long Island City home. He was 62.

He lost the sight of his right eye at the age of 5 when a blank cartridge exploded while he was at play. He lost the sight of the other eye in 1945.

His wife, the former Alice Kennedy, said the veteran of a half century on the stage "never made a false step" while playing his comic burlesque roles in his years of blindness. He knew the stages well, and she gave him cues.

They were married in June, 1931.

BUMPS HEAD AT POOL

William Johnson, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, 346 E. Commercial Ave., was taken to Mercy Hospital Sunday for observation after he fell and bumped his head at the Municipal Pool. He was released after it was found he suffered no injuries.

OREGON MOUNTED POSSE GROUP FINDS LOST BOY

BEND (AP) — Members of the Oregon Association of Mounted Posse Sunday found a two-year-old boy who had wandered away from the fishing camp of his parents in the Todd Lake Meadow region near here.

The boy, Lynn Munson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Munson, Portland, was found half a mile away from the camp 2½ hours after he first was reported missing.

The possemen, in the area for a three-day ride through the Cascades, joined the search shortly after the boy was reported lost.

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BOSTON (AP) — A police car sent to investigate a street cave-in in West Rosbury had no trouble finding it Sunday — it dropped right in.

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