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HOT ELECTION ISSUE

By Charles V. Stanton

One of the most controversial issues coming before Oregon voters at the November election will be taxation on motor trucks. Long-haul truckers will throw everything they can scrape together to beat the weight-mile bill. By calling a referendum on the bill passed by the last legislature, and thus delaying its operation, they already have cost the state a potential \$2,000,000 in highway revenue. In addition to efforts to beat the referred bill, the long-haul truckers will put their weight behind their own initiative measure, an amendment restricting the state exclusively to revenue from registration fees on motor vehicles and fuel taxes.

The truckers are scared half to death by Oregon's proposed weight-mile bill. If that proposal passes in Oregon, it doubtless will move immediately into other states. Should the plan be generally adopted, the long-haul truckers will be forced to pay a lot more money for their use of the highways.

Because of the possible effect of the Oregon proposal, upon the national picture, the entire trucking industry is behind the fight in Oregon. Large sums of money will be poured into the state for advertising, literature, doorbell-ringers, etc. We can expect a high-powered campaign to beat the one bill and pass the restrictive amendment.

There also will be some activity on the other side. Log truckers and farmers are waking up to the fact that the long-haul boys are trying to shove highway costs off on the smaller operator. While they will not have as much money to put into a fight, nor a campaign as well organized, we expect they'll make themselves heard.

Log Haulers Would Be Hurt

The weight-mile bill was engineered to cause motor trucks to pay in proportion to their use of the highways. The long-haul truckers want all revenue to come from registration fees and fuel taxes. They have introduced their "Gold Brick Amendment" to limit the authority of the state to those two sources and to prohibit the third source proposed by the legislature.

Wm. Tugman, editor of the *Eugene Register-Guard*, explains how the log hauler would be hurt and we quote from his editorial column:

A logger anywhere in Oregon is lucky if he can make 10,000—15,000 miles a year, what with interruptions for bad weather, fire seasons, shutdowns and other difficulties of his business.

Long-haul commercial truckers working night and day in all weather, with alternating driving crews, can and do make up to 50,000 miles a year or more.

The Gold Brick Amendment would forbid the legislature or the people every year to make any charge on motor vehicles based on mileage and would limit motor vehicle charges to registration fees by weight and fuel tax by gallonage.

Take two vehicles of maximum weight—72,000 pounds, 36 tons of vehicle plus the payload. One is a log truck which is lucky to make 10,000 to 12,000 miles a year. The other is a commercial hauler's which can make up to 50,000 miles. Under the Gold Brick Amendment the Legislature would be compelled to put the same registration fee on the log truck and the hauler. That would have these results:

If you put the registration fee high enough to make the long-hauler pay what he should pay in proportion to mileage, it would put the log hauler out of business.

If you set the registration fee at any point within the means of the short-hauler, you are subsidizing the long-hauler at the short-hauler's expense.

If you increase fuel taxes to make up the difference, the ordinary car owner will pay \$6.50 for every dollar paid by trucks. Only alternative to gouging the short-hauler and the ordinary car user is to go without some \$8 million of highway funds which the state badly needs.

Editor Tugman, we believe, states the issue very clearly. The issue will be masked by all sorts of propaganda smoke screens. But the fundamental dispute is whether Oregon will have a law permitting it to collect highway revenues in proportion to road use, based on weight of loads transported and miles traveled, or is to be handcuffed to outmoded and inadequate forms of taxation.

Scraps From the



MENDING BASKET

Vidnett Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

Of course when people in the Drain area who know Jen Carlson heard that her first novel was about to be released, there was much talk and not a little speculation. Usually one knows the book and finds out about the author; here we knew the author and were curious about her book. But all Jen would say was "Thru the Dust is a story of the Old West, exactly as it was in the old days... and very frank in some parts of the book."

"Oh," I said, "a western story!" Jen broke in firmly, but with a laugh. "Oh, my publisher (Christopher House, Boston) wouldn't publish one of those 'rootin', tootin', shootin' stories! But Thru the Dust is a story of the Old West. While I was driving up and down the dusty roads of Carter County, Montana, when I was county superintendent of schools, I made notes for a book I would some day write. I first wrote the book about fifteen years ago, but have revised it several times."

The book is "dedicated to the beloved people of Carter County, Montana—May your sins be forgotten." I wanted to know if the people in the book were really truly people she had known? "They are composite characters," said Jen. The book is written in the first person, and is the story

of a man who succumbs to temptation and then works his way back to public esteem. For a first novel it is brief, only 146 pages.

I looked up Carter County and noted that the names of places are few and far between in a county about 50x50 miles in size. One can understand that Thru the Dust is indeed, a story of the "wide, open spaces."

The author was born in Shiocton, Wisconsin... was graduated from the Oshkosh State Teachers College, and taught English and history in the high schools of South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Montana for many years. It was while she was teaching in the Carter County High School at Ekalaka, Montana, that she was elected county superintendent of schools, a position which, of course, enabled her to know the county and its people thoroughly.

I was just talking with the author a few minutes ago. "I wanted to show," said Jen Carlson, earnestly, "that the political corruption in the 20's started in small towns and county governments. If it had been checked there, and then, we wouldn't have the national corruption we have today! And I also wanted to show," she added, "that in time of trouble young people should realize that their parents are their best friends."

"As Good as Gold"



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — A senate investigating committee is trying to unravel a Chinese mystery that, so far, would baffle the likes of Fu Manchu. It involves:

1. From \$4,000,000 to \$7,000,000 in funds claimed by the Chinese Nationalist government.
2. A Chinese general who fled to Mexico.
3. A \$44,000 payment to a Washington law firm.
4. A New York City attorney who was slugged and beaten in a hotel room.
5. A propaganda campaign spawned in the left-wing press which promoted the character assassination of Free China's leader, Chiang Kai-shek.
6. The mysterious installation of expensive vaults in the private homes of Chinese citizens who remain in the U.S. without proper passports or immigration papers.
7. The departure to Communist China of more than a dozen former aides of the Nationalist government.
8. Repeated transfer of large sums of money from Swiss and other foreign banks to American citizens, none of whom are able to recall just why they got the cash.

These are the facts and allegations so far spread on the record of the Senate Investigating Committee. The probe has barely begun.

The Chinese mystery started to unravel when Chiang Kai-shek demanded from Gen. P. T. Mow, the return of millions of dollars sent to the U.S. for the procurement of aircraft and parts for the Chinese Nationalist air force.

Mow and his assistant in Washington, Col. Ve - Shen Hsiang, were ordered to account for the funds and legal action was instituted against them at the behest of the Chinese Government in Formosa. Purchasing records were ordered impounded but they mysteriously disappeared.

Mow was the first person to disappear, but not until he had employed William A. Roberts, of the law firm of Roberts and McInnis, Des Moines Building, Washington D. C. The firm represents columnist Drew Pearson. Along with the Washington Post, Pearson has repeatedly written articles belaboring Chiang Kai-shek and denigrating Mow and his friends. Alfred Friendly, a personal friend of one of the Chinese women involved, was the author of the Washington Post series.

Roberts and McInnis have so far collected \$44,000 for fees and expenses, according to testimony.

The funds were paid out on the orders of Gen. Mow in cashier's checks from a Swiss bank. Frances Yuan and another woman, identified in testimony so far only as "Mary Ann," were intermediaries in the transactions, along with Col. Hsiang.

Miss Yuan was a secretary to Gen. Mow, and later employed by the Roberts-McInnis law firm. The late Robert P. Patterson, former secretary of war, represented the Chinese Nationalist government in the legal action until his death in a New Jersey airplane accident. He, in turn, employed John G. Broady, well-known New York attorney and investigator.

Broady, in sworn testimony before the Senate Committee, related the following incident in explaining an attempt to serve legal papers on Mow:

"I rang the doorbell to apartment 5-A. The door was opened by one of my assistants, Lester Sabisky, and I went inside. I announced that I had a summons and complaint to serve on Mow in an action brought against Mow by the Republic of China. As Sabisky and I entered, Mow went into his bedroom and closed the door, and as I attempted to enter the bedroom to serve Mow, William A. Roberts started slugging me with his fists, and grappled with me, and tried to throw me down and tried to knock me down."

Roberts claims Broady broke in to the hotel room.

Question: "William A. Roberts is the attorney representing Mow?"

Broady: "He is the attorney to whom Mow said he had paid several hundred thousand dollars out of the money that was given to Mow by the Republic of China and which Mow kept."

Broady testified that Mow's wife struck him in the head with a pocketbook and that a chair was swung over his head with the threat that he would have his brains beaten out. He left with his assistant at this point. But he stayed nearby with a listening device and recorded some interesting conversation. More of that tomorrow.

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Best In Modern-Day Advertising

By WADE JONES

Thirty years ago one of this country's big insurance companies, with a nice blending of good business sense and interest in the public well, ran an advertisement in a national magazine on infant mortality.

That was the beginning of a national advertising program by the company which has produced dramatic results.

In keeping with the tone of its first ad, subsequent ones are notable for their good taste and restraint, but at times their subject matter has been dynamic.

For instance, as far back as 1928 the company brought out into the open the then virtually taboo subject of syphilis, from which millions of Americans suffered and from which an estimated 200,000 died each year.

Now, thanks to the new miracle drugs and an enlightened public approach to the disease, syphilis

is no longer the scourge it once was.

Cancer still is a hush-hush word with many, but back in 1926 the company began running ads on the subject, advising people of the importance of early and competent diagnosis.

These health messages, ranging across the whole field of disease, represent the best in modern-day advertising, which too often has dipped far below our average national standards of taste and morality. And certainly the messages are a credit to the company which inspired them.

In the Day's News

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world with the exception of the Nile Valley.

If that is true, the Klamath Basin, on an acre for acre basis, could support a population of a MILLION people.

If, that is—

The standards of living were equal. They aren't—thank the Lord! The Klamath Basin's standard of living is one of the highest in the world. The standard of living of 95 per cent of the people of Egypt is one of the LOWEST IN THE WORLD.

Why?

Well, the standard of living of the 95 per cent of the Egyptian people who are at the bottom of the heap is among the lowest in the world because of the scandalous manner in which the king business (meaning government) in Egypt has been ABUSED.

I hope you've never... Egypt—or at least that part of it lying outside a few tourist spots in Cairo and Alexandria. It's a sight to haunt you all your days. The people! The poor, pitiful, disease-ridden, fly-blown, flea-bitten people! That's what happens when government goes to pot.

Fat Farouk, before they gave him the long-overdue bum's rush, is said to have been perhaps one of the two richest men in the world. The other one is believed to be one of the nizams or maharajas or what-you-may-call-'ems of India, where living conditions are more or less similar to those in Egypt.

We have rich people in this country—but in the main they have become rich by pioneering new developments in industry that have enabled millions of our people to become well-to-do.

There's a vast difference.

It appears this morning that in Jordan, another Middle East country, they've about decided to give the boot to another king—Faisal who is said to be mentally incompetent. Jordan's people are a shade better off than Egypt's, but it's a narrow decision.

In Iran, old Mossadegh is taking over and the shah of Iran appears to be on the way out. If you want to know why, go to Iran and TAKE A LOOK AT THE PEOPLE.

That tells the story. Ridiculous as Weeping Willie Mossadegh appears at this distance to be, he is giving to the poverty-stricken common people of Iran a vision of something they never have had, but know they WANT.

Personally, I hope this booting out of kings CONTINUES in the Middle East countries. It is something that is long overdue.

And I hope also that our state department gets smart enough and wise enough and HUMANITARIAN enough to tell the British and the French, under whose COLONIAL IMPERIALISM these good-for-nothing, play-boy, nasty-rich kings have flourished, that the jig is up and the days of colonial imperialism are over so far as we are concerned—that from here on out we're going to be on the side of the poor, pitiful people of the Middle East who for so long have been given the dirty end of the stick.



GETS NEW POST—
Career diplomat Walter J. Donnelly, above, was named by President Truman as U. S. High Commissioner for Germany after filling similar post in Austria.

Three Damage Suits Filed in Circuit Court

Damages of \$25,000 in a personal injury suit are asked of S. H. Early, who operates a feed storage building in Oakland.

The suit was filed in Circuit Court by 84-year-old John Sanders, who alleges boards gave way on a walk in front of the building and he fell into a pit six feet deep.

Other Circuit Court suits: Clifton Solomon vs. Southern Pacific Co., for \$2,953 for alleged damages to a truck-mounted crane transported by the railroad.

B. H. Mann vs. Gus Weigel, for \$419 auto accident damages. State Unemployment Compensation Commission vs. Warren E. Witzel, for \$248.61 allegedly unpaid contributions.

Triangle Cafe vs. G. Porter Wilder, for \$1,135 allegedly owed for meals.

Charles H. Thomas vs. V. Long Lumber Co., for \$1,458.48 allegedly owed for lumber hauling.

Scholarship Security Stocks Hit By Ruling

SALEM — The State Board of Higher Education was ordered Monday to dispose of all stocks it has been given as security for scholarships.

Attorney General George Neuner, in reply to a question from the board, ruled that the state constitution forbids any state agency from owning stock. In the past, it has been the custom of many donors of scholarships to deed stock to the state, the income from which is used to finance student fees.

Neuner declared that the board must now return the stock and ask the donors or their trustees to sell the stock and invest the money in types of securities which the board is permitted to hold.

INDECENCY CHARGED

Lawrence Richard Hill, 41, 1010 Ball St., pleaded innocent in district court Monday to a charge of indecent exposure.

He is held in the county jail in \$1,500 bail to await trial.

die East who for so long have been given the dirty end of the stick.

Why shouldn't we take that position?

After all, we were the first people in the world to throw off the yoke of colonial imperialism. We fought the Revolutionary War because that's what the Britain of George the Third was trying to do to us and we wouldn't stand for it. We said we'd DIE FIRST.

It's getting high time for us to BE OURSELVES in the world—in stead of backing up the colonial exploiters who happen at the moment to be our cocktail party friends.



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