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A LINE OF ATTACK

By Charles V. Stanton

Congressman Harris Ellsworth, addressing the Roseburg Kiwanis Club recently, said the O & C problem actually involves three separate and distinct issues.

We normally accept this highly controversial matter as being only one subject. Congressman Ellsworth contends, however, that this line of thinking complicates the matter of legislation; that breaking the problem down into parts leads to easier solution.

He lists the three issues as:

1. Legal status as to ownership of some 460,000 acres of converted lands.
2. The amount of income counties should receive from O & C lands.
3. Administration of O & C lands.

Perhaps the congressman has an angle that will hasten settlement of some of our vexing problems. We are vitally interested in getting controversies cleared, management perfected and the lands put to their maximum productive use.

We've been stymied for years by departmental squabbles, congressional laxity, inefficient stewardship, etc. We've been endeavoring to secure legislation particularly designed to give us access roads—roads we need immediately. But access roads have been tied into ownership, revenue, administration controversies, congressional pressures, and other factors. Perhaps if the issue is broken into its component parts, it will be easier to obtain our objectives.

Converted Lands Are Problem

One of the major obstacles to the solution of some of our problems is that of the converted lands.

Converted lands consist of strips 10 miles in width and including each alternate section bordering the original land grant made by Congress to aid in construction of the Oregon & California railroad. After the railroad company had been given alternate sections of land in a strip 30 miles on each side of the right of way, these lands to be sold to settlers and the money used to finance railroad construction, it was found that squatters and homesteaders had taken claims on some of the property. Rather than move the settlers, the government added strips 10 miles in width on both sides of the grant. The grant lands were reclaimed by the federal government because the railroad company violated the terms of the contract.

In the meantime national forests had been created. Some of the "lieu lands," as they were known (being in lieu of lands claimed by settlers), are inside boundaries of national forests and are intermingled with national forest holdings. The O & C Administration, later absorbed by the Bureau of Land Management, claimed ownership, while the U.S. Forest Service declared that as the lands were inside the forest boundaries, it had the right of administration. So because of the controversy they became known as "controversial" lands.

Barrier To Efficient Management

Certain administration details have been worked out cooperatively between the two agencies. Congress, however, has ordered both the BLM and Forest Service to manage the forest cut on a sustained yield basis. Each area, therefore, has an allowable cut. The O & C claims the allowable cut from the converted lands, which throws a monkey wrench into the Forest Service management plan, and vice versa. There are more points of controversy than we have enumerated, but those mentioned show some of the problems involved.

Then, too, we have the matter of revenue to counties. The Forest Service pays 25 per cent of forest revenues to counties. The BLM has paid 50 per cent to counties and now, the debt against the O & C lands having been retired, is committed to pay 75 per cent. But the BLM doesn't like paying so much to the counties and is trying to chisel the rate down to about 32 per cent. An offer from the Association of Land Grant Counties to compromise at 50 per cent has aroused some objection in Oregon.

When we try to secure legislation in Congress to meet some of these problems, we find various pressures working against us. We find jealousy from some eastern congressmen who object to so much money being paid into western states. We also find pressure from the timber industry of the southern states, trying to hold down competition from the Douglas fir belt.

Perhaps, if as Ellsworth suggests, we divide the problem into parts, attacking each in turn, we may succeed in getting an earlier and better solution. Any method that will get this controversy settled quickly and some of our difficulties resolved is worthy of consideration.



MENDING BASKET

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After such a dry spell we can read between the lines and know from experience how grateful the Psalmist was for the "early rains" which came in the fall. One of these days I'm going to take the concordance and look up every passage about RAIN. Do you ever do that? I don't know how I'd get along without the various concordances I have for quick finding of some passage. Years away from a city water system, too, teach us new delight in the word WATER! Watching the crystal clear water of a spring or mountain brook, makes "living waters" understandable in a way not known to the average city dweller.

This Thursday morning's crackling electrical storm was a thrill all right. We had a good hard, pounding shower, and I can't see enough blue, in the great arc of sky I enjoy so much here on this hillside, to make the Dutchman's breeches needed for a clearing forecast. Well, that's all right. It will take more than the shower

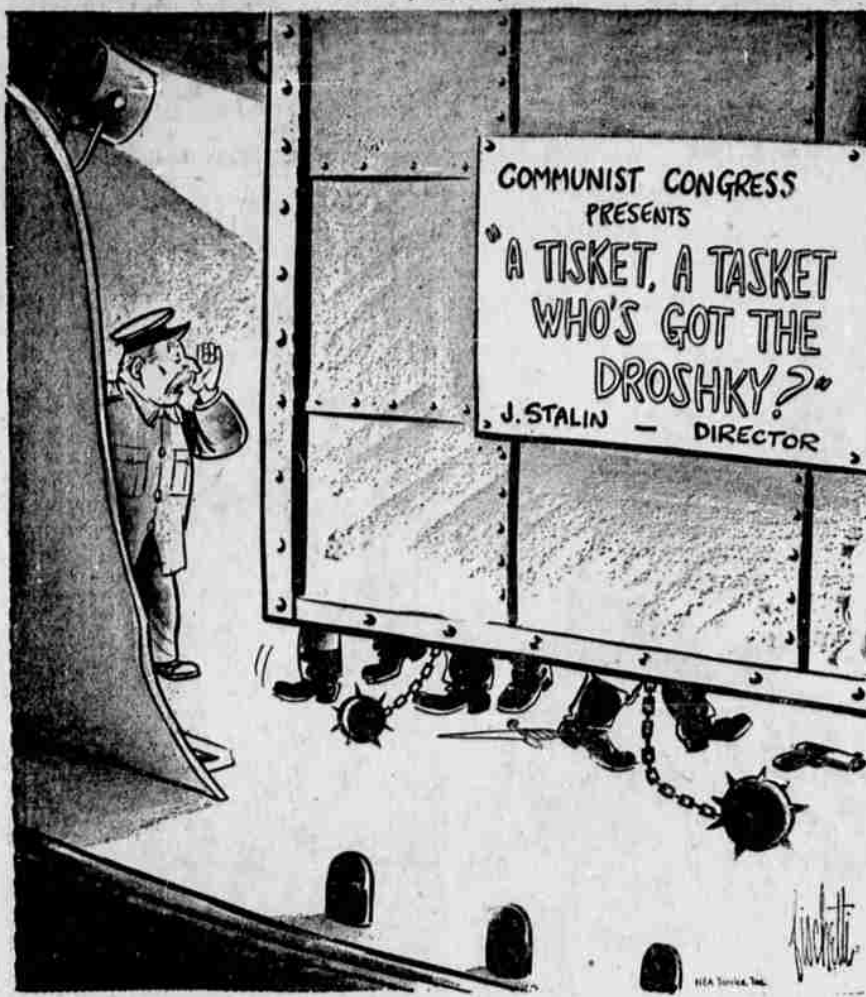
we just had, to close the great cracks in the ground where I have not watered!

EJ said thunder and lightning awakened him last night—early this morning, rather. He was cleaning catfish at midnight—but after spending most of yesterday at this typewriter I was blissfully unaware of thunder! But this morning's display shook the house, and rattled the metal blinds!

Imagine my surprise when EJ came in at lunch and said "Not a drop of rain in Drain!" And then he added, "Down at Bragg's they had a heavy shower when that thunder was going on early this morning!" Eight miles nearer the tunnel than we are on 38. And not a drop of rain 3 1/2 miles east of us, in Drain! Funny thing, these cloud build-ups that result in drenching rain in one place and not in another.

I was hoping the rain had eased the work of the firefighters over in Camas Valley and also west of Sutherlin. Fire is so grim!

"Places, Everyone!"



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

WASHINGTON — Eisenhower Republicans, in pressing Robert A. Taft for his support, are placing the Ohio senator in an almost impossible political position. This will be doubly true if Gen. Eisenhower is elected president of the United States.

Taft is undisputed GOP leader in the U.S. Senate. Should Eisenhower win, he will be obligated to pay off politically such Republicans as Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York; Paul Hoffman, the painting Fair Dealer whose visions of global spending schemes are unlimited; and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge Jr., whose own race for re-election in Massachusetts is in doubt.

The Senate may be called upon to approve the appointment of men such as the three named, who did so much to knock Taft out of the GOP presidential nominating race. Taft can hardly accept the Eisenhower entreaties for support without knowing that his position in the Senate will lead him into the untenable position of advocating the nominations of men in the party whose views he distrusts. Dewey, Lodge and Hoffman have prior claims to the political rewards that will be at the General's disposal.

Taft, in effect, will have none unless he extracts a binding commitment from Eisenhower for a strong hand in such appointments, in return for his active campaign support. It is unlikely that the trio of Eisenhower backers will urge the General to offer Taft any such promise. And it is unlikely that Taft will ask for it.

Unless he gets it, however, his usefulness to the party in the Senate will diminish in ratio to the nominations he is called upon to approve which reflect a political philosophy alien to his own.

Taft's concepts of what Washington needs to clean up the international spending mess could hardly include the approval of, for instance, Paul Hoffman as secretary of state or administrator of our overseas give-away projects. Taft would be unable to retain his position of prestige in the Senate if he did so. He has, on many occasions, decried the views expressed by dozens who will be in line for rewards if the General is elected. He is a politician, but not the kind who would sacrifice principles for political booty. His campaign for the GOP nomination revealed this in all its clarity.

Aware of his position in the Senate, there can be no certainty in Taft's mind at the present moment that he will do what Eisenhower and his campaign managers want him to do. He has yet to discuss the subject with Eisenhower. He is expected to do so soon, but indications from his vacation retreat are that he will appear at the conference in the role of a good listener.

Taft is tagged with the leadership of conservative Republicans. Last Sunday my neighbor, Mrs. R. called me to say the Fred Lee's big place in Yoncalla had burned to the ground. (I was so sorry!) Probably a landmark? Well, big or small, a cottage or a palace, the house we live in becomes precious to us; doesn't it!

But with the years there comes a realization that the house of wood or brick or cement, filled with furnishings however precious to us, is not the real home. HOME is in the heart. Like the glowing coals the Romans used to carry with them, that glow of HOME safely kept in the heart, makes any roof which shelters Love—HOME! How else could a "rolling stone" find happiness?

In the Day's News

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should be banned for all girl students and teachers. The government has found that girl students who have to go without cosmetics when all the other girls are making themselves pretty develops dangerous psychological complexes. So it is making them ALL do without war paint.

That's socialism for you — with a vengeance!

Socialism, I'd say, is a state of mind in which you get more enjoyment out of keeping the other fellow from having it than out of going out and trying to get it for yourself.

Back to politics note: Adlai Stevenson is on his way by plane from Springfield (Ill.) to Denver on a tour that will take him to nine states in nine days. Speaking tonight in Denver, Stevenson will attack the Republican slogan: "It's Time for a Change."

I haven't much use for slogans, which have been shrewdly defined as smart cracks designed to keep the masses of the people from THINKING, but as between "It's Time for a Change" and "Don't Let 'Em Take It Away" I'll put in with the former.

"Don't Let 'Em Take It Away" is a cry that comes from the HEARTS of the politicians and the racketeers and the quick buck speculators, who have it pretty good as it is and don't want to lose it.

If we're to take it away from these gentry, we'll HAVE to have a change.

In Philadelphia last night, Ike laid down a ten-point program of which this is the FIRST point: "We must put an administration in Washington WHICH WE OURSELVES CAN TRUST."

He's taking the words right out of my mouth. What I want above everything on earth in these critical days is leadership at the top that I can TRUST.

If you've stopped and taken the time to analyze your feeling, I'll bet you feel the same way about it.

In his second point, he called for "a government in which there will be no curtain of evasion, of suppression or of DOUBLE TALK between the government and the people."

Again, Ike, you hit the nail on the head. I'm fed to the chin with being HANDLED—of being fed one kind of news one day when the government wants one thing and another kind of news the next day when the government wants something different.

JAPANESE TO CLIMB

KATAMANDU, Nepal (AP) — A five-man Japanese mountain-climbing expedition led by Dr. I. E. Nishi arrived here Friday. They plan to tackle 26,657-foot high Mt. Mansalu.

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Scientists Give Interesting Account Of Things To Come

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Britannia's scientists told her all sorts of interesting things Thursday about the nation's life, past and present. Such as:

Only 15 per cent of the Navy's sailors shave before noon unless they happen to be on a flagship.

—Britons are regularly swallowing mouse hairs and chalk, also chemicals that may cause diarrhea. They're getting them in their favorite cookies, bread and ice cream.

—Women without husbands in the future may give birth to fatherless children.

These were among items told to various sections of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, holding its 114th annual meeting here.

Prof. William Wardlaw told the chemistry group that flour from a reasonably clean new crop of wheat contains up to 13 mouse hairs per pound. In good quality old crop wheat the count jumps to 180 per pound.

Chalk Added To Flour
The millers themselves add the chalk to the flour—14 ounces to every sack—to supply calcium needed by the human body but refused out by modern milling methods.

And such chemicals as polyoxyethylene stearate and glyceryl monostearate are going into a lot of cakes, ice cream and other foods.

The first, said Wardlaw, in large doses "may give rise to diarrhea" and the latter "seems" non-poisonous but no one has made quite sure.

Wardlaw warned the chemists not to go too far with their assault on home cooking. They should stop before "eating has lost much of its

pleasure and nearly all of its taste.

Study Sailors' Habits

The psychological section heard about sailors' habits, the findings of civilian experts called in by the Admiralty for time and motion studies of the British tar.

Because they learned that sailors don't all shave at the same time, warships now can have a new scale of bathroom equipment.

The investigators said their studies over the past five years also had helped to cut the loading time for a six inch gun by 23 per cent. And about those fatherless babies. Prof. A. D. Peacock told the zoology section scientists have made big strides in bringing about artificial parthenogenesis—the development of offspring from unfertilized females—in lower animals.

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