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BALLOT MEASURES

By Charles V. Stanton

One of the measures appearing on the forthcoming general election ballot is the perennial proposal to tax cigars. The proposed law would impose a state tax of three cents per package on cigars. Revenue amounting to approximately \$5 million is estimated. Should the tax be approved there automatically would be created a control on sales prices, fixing minimums below which cigars could not be sold. This would add another one-cent to the consumer cost. Altogether, cigars would cost the purchaser 20 percent more than at present.

It is argued that the state needs more sources of revenue. A sales tax on cigars would provide money needed to offset, in part, anticipated deficits.

There is some question whether the deficit is not more imaginary than real. But, admittedly, the proposal is a straight revenue-raising scheme. It is fashioned to appeal to prejudice.

If the state needs the revenue it should offer a general sales tax measure. The legislature shied away because a general sales tax has been rejected in the past. It now proposes a creeping sales tax—one item at a time. It singles out cigars because a nucleus of affirmative votes are assured through prejudice.

A tax bill singling out a certain class of people to pay benefits to be enjoyed by the whole is totally unfair. Why should cigar users be singled out for a tax rather than coffee or Coke drinkers. And why, if one form of tobacco is to be taxed, shouldn't tobacco in all its forms be taxed?

It is easy to say that if cigar smokers don't like the tax they can quit smoking, can use a pipe, cigars, or roll their own. By the same token we can quit going to theaters, eating meat, wearing clothing, driving automobiles.

There can be no excuse for this measure other than its appeal to prejudice.

Standard Time Bill

Another measure is one saying that standard time shall be used as the official time for the State of Oregon. The only way in which there could be a change to daylight time would be by Act of Congress, making daylight time uniform throughout the nation. It would prohibit any subdivisions, including cities, from adopting daylight time.

We expect this bill to pass with an overwhelming majority. Confusion during the last few months will influence many votes.

Personally, we like daylight time. We realize we are in the minority. Furthermore, we know we haven't a very solid argument for daylight time, other than personal preference. We'll vote "No," realizing that we're left at the post.

Portland Mental Hospital

Oregon voters are requested to authorize an appropriation, estimated at \$3 million, to be used in construction of a domiciliary state hospital for aged mentally ill. The hospital would be located within a radius of 20 miles of the Multnomah County Courthouse.

The State Constitution provides that state institutions must be located in Marion County, unless other sites are approved by voters. Before a mental hospital may be located at Portland, consent must be gained.

Oregon's mental institutions at Salem and Pendleton are overcrowded. More facilities must be provided, either by enlarging existing hospitals or building a new one. The cost probably would be comparable in either case.

The Portland area produces about one-half the state's mental cases. Approximately 40 per cent of the patients are of the senile type, eligible for admission to the proposed new hospital. It is argued that the location is desirable because of proximity to the state's center of population. It would be close to the State Medical College. More nursing and psychiatric supervision would be available.



Scrap From the MENDING BASKET
 by Vidnett Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

This was to have been about Poetry Day, Oct. 15, but—

An hour ago I was sitting peacefully at the session of the Douglas County Council Parent - Teachers (by invitation; I'm not active at present in PTA) and thinking I had heard some interesting things which I would come home and write in the Mending Basket. Now a husband—who never CAN understand why I don't HAVE "some of those things written up ahead!"—is waiting. Well, I guess you'd call it that, till I get to the bottom of the sheet so we can take off for Tenmile Lake. We gotta get there before dark and catch our supper.

Haven't heard there were any salmon in Tenmile yet. But we did hear there were salmon in the Umpqua. One enthusiastic fisherman reported—he got it second hand—that there were "so many salmon at Bunche's Bar you could walk across the river on their backs." EJ said he'd be afraid to, he might slip. Said the other, without cracking a smile: "Wear your smiles." So EJ said he supposed he could do that.

Well, Camas Valley's superintendent of schools, Marlen Yoder, didn't tell anything like that at the Douglas County P.T. Council but my thoughts have been thrown into such a jumble NOW that I'm half afraid to quote anybody except the aforementioned fisherman. If I didn't quote him accurately,

Neil Allen Reappointed Legion Committee Head

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Neil R. Allen, Grants Pass, Ore., has been reappointed chairman of the Civil Defense Committee of the American Legion.

His appointment was announced Sunday by National Commander Lewis K. Gough.

The Legion's executive committee awarded the 1954 convention to Washington, D. C., to be held Aug. 30-Sept. 2. Next year's convention





Fulton Lewis Jr.
WASHINGTON REPORT
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WASHINGTON — To reach a proper perspective on Secretary of State Dean Acheson's political attacks on Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, it is necessary to know where he will be in St. Louis, Aug. 31-Sept. 3, makes them and to whom.

The truth is that there is serious trouble in the Stevenson entourage, including a sharp disagreement between Wilson Wyatt, Stevenson's personal campaign manager, and Walter Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers of America.

Reuther insists that Stevenson's campaign is dying on the vine, and he has the substantial fact that the governor isn't drawing crowds at his whistle stops to back up his conclusion.

Wyatt, on the other hand, insists that Stevenson is reaching more people via radio and television than all the rest of the candidates put together.

Reuther says he has made a survey; Wyatt says he has made one. Neither goes into detail or offers any figures, although Reuther has the advantage of reports from CIO union officials who camp on the governor's doorstep wherever he travels.

In Seattle, for instance, Stevenson barely cluttered up the streets with residents when he appeared. President Truman didn't do much better. General Dwight D. Eisenhower, on the other hand, clogged the streets with cheering thousands, and street demonstrations surpassed anything in the city's history.

Say Crowd Meaningless

Wyatt terms such demonstrations "unrealistic" and says that street crowds are meaningless. Nevertheless, Stevenson is stepping up his campaign by plane and train for the last few weeks of the race. He plans to visit 24 states between now and Nov. 4.

The smart crackers around Stevenson refuse to admit that the governor's lofty language goes over the head of most of his audience. Wyatt answers such critics, including Reuther, by admitting that "many less well educated people," have said they couldn't understand the governor, but that these are in the minority. In other words, so long as there is good syntax double talk is okay.

A major part of Stevenson's high pressure campaign windup will be in the South. Somebody on his staff has persuaded the governor that the Democrats need southern electoral votes if they expect to elect him to the presidency. This conclusion runs counter to the views expressed at the convention in Chicago in July, when eastern radicals and wild-eyed amateurs were kicking southern delegates around the stockyard arena.

There is one hitch to the southern invasion which Stevenson and his advisers have been unable to overcome. They can't find any conservative southern Democrats willing to hit the campaign trail for the governor. A few kind words from retiring Senator Tom Connally, of Texas, and senator Estes Kefauver, of Tennessee, have been uttered, but this is about the peak in enthusiasm so far. Several southern governors have greeted the nominee politely.

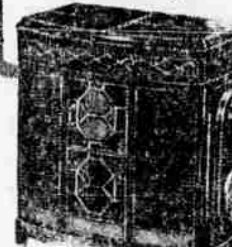
Surrounded By Pinks

Stevenson has all kinds of starry-eyed liberals and pinks around him. All of them are eager to get into the act. Most of them did until they discovered that their listeners were yawning. The late President Roosevelt made all of the promises they have to offer a long time ago, and he made them sound a lot better than they do today. So the Stevenson liberals have been asked to socialize their day dreams of a socialist government, at least for public consumption. The governor's pig-primage into the South must not

GANDA. The art of propaganda consists chiefly in making people think SO YOU CAN HANDLE 'EM. Propagandists are seldom above lying a little in the pinches.

It seems to me that even here in America (still the best governed big country on earth) our politicians are coming to rely INCREASINGLY on propaganda. I wish they wouldn't do that. I wish they'd rely WHOLLY on facts.

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Beautiful Homes Top Asset Of Roseburg

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izations are represented in the community of this region. Starting three years ago, the Douglas County Conservation Council, the Roseburg Rod and Gun club and the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce appeared before the County Budget Committee and asked that money be made available for the county to acquire sites to insure future recreational facilities in keeping with the major increase in population that has been experienced in the last five years. As a result, according to this survey, \$10,000 was budgeted for that purpose. The amount was increased to \$25,000 for the ensuing fiscal period. Through this fund numerous sites have been acquired and maintained for recreational purposes.

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