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DO YOU WANT HIGHWAYS?

Charles V. Stanton

During the past few weeks we have discussed in this column each of the 18 measures coming before Oregon voters Nov. 4. We have endeavored to present the issues objectively. In only a few cases have we offered recommendations. It has been our effort to submit both sides of controversial measures to the best of our ability.

With regard to two measures, however, we have made definite opinions and we desire to make recommendations. We have previously discussed these measures. They are the Motor Carrier Highway Transportation Tax Act (318 Yes, 319 No) and the Constitutional Amendment Providing Equitable Taxing Method For Use of Highways (330 Yes, 331 No.)

We urge our readers to vote 318 Yes and 331 No. You have heard a great deal about these two measures. You have seen much advertising. You have heard radio programs. You have read newspaper articles. Possibly you are among the many who admit they are confused by all the conflicting statements brought to their attention. The two measures are definitely tied together. They cannot be discussed intelligently if taken separately.

Tax Bill Legislative Act

The Transportation Tax Act, better known as the Weight-Mile Bill, was passed by the Legislature. Long-haul truckers, adversely affected by the law, obtained a referendum. Savings to truckers because of the referendum already amount to about \$2,000,000.

Highway engineers contend that trucks should pay one-third of the cost of building and maintaining highways. In Oregon they now pay about 28 per cent. The Weight-Mile Bill would raise their participation to about 30 per cent, still below their just share.

Long-haul truckers do not want the weight-mile principle applied. If an effective bill is put in operation, other states will follow suit. So the truckers initiated the so-called "Equitable Taxing Method." It is a most misleading title. There is nothing equitable about it. It has been dubbed the "Gold Brick Amendment," which is far more descriptive. It would restrict the power of the state to revenue only from registration of motor vehicles based on weight and fuel tax based on gallonage.

Under this Gold Brick Amendment, a logging truck would pay approximately the same registration fee as a tractor-trailer, longhaul freight truck, although the latter would travel almost entirely on state highways, while logging trucks were operating chiefly on private or county roads. A heavy farm truck—animal transport or hay truck—would pay nearly as much as a commercial freighter.

State Highways Inadequate

Oregon's highway system is totally inadequate to carry the load of traffic already imposed upon it. Many millions of dollars must be spent to serve existing traffic and take care of future loads.

We now are engaged in rebuilding the Pacific Highway, our chief arterial. We must build it to high standards because it must withstand heavy truck impacts. We could do the job at much less cost if we didn't have to provide adequate roadbed for freight trucks.

Freight trucks use improved highways almost exclusively. Logging trucks and comparable farm trucks need only limited use of improved highways. They travel largely on private and county roads. Freight trucks, therefore, are morally obligated to contribute more toward highway construction and maintenance than other types of vehicles. But their so-called "equitable" initiative would put them on the same level with other vehicles of like weight, despite their greater use of the highways.

Actually, they will lose little money through the proposed tax increase. As the tax money comes in and is spent for highway improvements, their operating costs will decrease. It certainly will not cost nearly as much to operate a loaded vehicle over the modernized Pacific Highway of a few years hence as to drive over the road with its present curves, and grades, while congested conditions prevent economic speeds.

Passenger Cars Would Be Hit

If the weight-mile proposal fails, the state will not be able to proceed with its highway improvement program without imposing heavy registration fees on all classes of vehicles.

Ben Chandler, chairman of the State Highway Commission, is quoted as stating that present \$10 fees on passenger cars might go as high as \$40 or \$50 per year if money were to be raised to continue the highway improvement program as outlined. Loss of the Weight-Mile Act and passage of the Gold Brick Amendment would, he says, deprive the state of \$17,000,000 in revenue and \$8,000,000 federal matching funds in the next two-year period.

In our opinion the long-haul truckers are endeavoring to escape their fair share of contribution to the road construction and maintenance program. They say they will oppose any increase in fees on passenger cars. But that is a legislative matter. They have nothing to say about it. The cold fact is that if Oregon doesn't get money to build highways, those highways can't be built.

If you want good highways, and if you want costs equitably distributed, you will vote 318-Yes and 331-No.

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET
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Remember the main topic of conversation this time five years ago? It was NOT a presidential campaign! We were not wondering what happened to dignified gentlemen at such a time. We were not wondering if the highest office in the power of the American people to give did not include with it a certain obligation of behavior. We were not wondering what on earth

people overseas must think about the current performance in the political arena. And Korea to us then meant only a faraway country. . . . No, we were thinking about the phenomenal rainfall! Portland Eugene, with records listed back to 1890, said the storm that brought the amount up to 8.33 inches "broke the record's back." In 1893

Dead End



Fulton Lewis Jr.
WASHINGTON REPORT
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WASHINGTON — In 1950, Leo Alfred Lerner, of Chicago, national treasurer of Americans for Democratic Action, led a revolt in Illinois against the state Democratic party.

In 1952, Lerner was publicly congratulated by Gov. Adlai Stevenson and thanked as the man who got the governor the party's nomination for the presidency. Stevenson did not say which party, but the record indicates he meant the left-wing ADA.

Lerner, as I noted yesterday, has a long record of affiliations with left-wing, Communist and subversive organizations, the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities reveal.

In 1947, as chairman of the Independent Voters of Illinois, an affiliate of ADA, Lerner supported Henry Wallace in a series of newspaper articles that confirmed his affection for the presidential candidate of the Communist-controlled Progressive Party.

Lerner, naturally, is eligible for a top-flight government appointment if Stevenson is elected. He did not obtain the nomination for Stevenson without attaching a few strings. That they will all be pulled to the left, goes without saying.

Lerner, in 1946, supported the citizens united to abolish the Wood-Rankin committee. In 1945, he was a sponsor of the Chicago Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions; in 1951, he was listed as a speaker at a meeting under the Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress.

All the above organizations have, at one time or another, been tagged as puppets of the Kremlin. Gov. Stevenson has another pal in Chicago who runs on the same track with Lerner. He is Congressman Sidney Yates, of the 9th district, who also helped obtain the nomination for Stevenson.

Yates has his hands full trying to win re-election. His opponent is Robert Siegrist, who keeps tossing Lerner and Yates at Stevenson, to the everlasting embarrassment of Illinois Democrats.

Siegrist classifies Yates as a member of a congressional clique that has consistently voted against any control of Un-American activities and that has ridiculed those who have crusaded against such.

Along with Vito Marcantonio, the Moscow mimic who was recently retired from Congress by the record was 6.64 inches. Normal for that area is 2.73.

Just what was being said in the News-Review I don't know. We had not at the moment discovered this newspaper, and I did not return the Mending Basket column until July '48. But I do recall that October 1947. We were living just off 99 at the time, on the Lorane highway, and the little stream that meandered by our place became a raging torrent which the big culvert under the road could not take. So Seeley Creek backed up considerably. EJM, trying to keep some branches from clogging up the big culvert, came within a hair's breadth of falling into the torrent which would have swept him through the culvert in jigtime, and down the "falls" on the other side.

They were having a time on the Coast, too. Storm warnings flew for five consecutive days. There were slides. . . . Flooded highways. There was one great flash of lightning that many said was a "meteor." Remember that weekend in October, 1947? Well, of course, October isn't over yet this year. . . . I suppose in such a storm as that was, this hill where we now live, was just a silvery sheet of water! Springs, like the Spring in "Oklahoma" would be "bustin' out all over!"

It's too bad we can't store up some of the surplus water, here in Oregon, and have it in the summer. But that stored water wouldn't be the clear, sparkling water that makes one hold up the glass and give thanks for it.

Both Hill and Hopkins are Florida ex-convicts. LeMay has served time in the state reformatory for purse snatching and truancy. During their wild spree, which began at Valdosta, Ga., the trio stole four cars. All the victims escaped and none was injured seriously. Most were robbed of relatively small amounts of cash and valuables.

National Drive Slated To Boost Civil Defense

WASHINGTON — Between Armistice Day and Thanksgiving next month, the Federal Civil Defense Administration will conduct nationwide campaign to sign up volunteers for future service.

The registration will not make an individual a fully-enrolled member of the organization.

James J. Wadsworth, acting civil defense administrator, said it will only indicate willingness to be called for training at a later date.

Wadsworth said more than 100 national and community organizations will participate in the Nov. 11-27 drive.

These include business, civic, labor, professional and veterans organizations.

Wadsworth said the campaign is the initial phase of a "pledge for home defense" observance.

He said it is designed to stimulate and train all citizens in self-protection methods and to provide local civil defense directors with a roster of potential volunteers for active civil defense duty.

Python Battles Calf Elephant; Natives Step In

CALCUTTA, India — A weird, terrifying jungle tug-of-war between a giant python and a calf elephant drew villagers from miles around to a clearing in the Man-chik forest reserve near here, tribesmen reported Monday.

The python had seized the elephant by a hind leg and "moored" itself to a tree, started a fight to the death.

The fight saw-sawed crazily around the clearing for hours, smashing the undergrowth flat as the elephant tried vainly to free its leg.

Eventually the python "swallowed" the elephant's leg.

Then came a deadlock. The elephant couldn't move and the reptile couldn't swallow any more.

Villagers stepped in, hacked the python to pieces with their razor-sharp swords, and freed the elephant.

Seventeen years ago in the same forest villagers watched a three day tug-of-war between a giant python and a fully-grown elephant. The outcome was the same that time.

Demo Spending Below GOP's; Also Incur Debt

WASHINGTON — The Republican and Democratic national committees Monday reported their spending since Sept. 1, opening date of the presidential campaign.

Their outgo: Republicans \$1,370,357; Democrats \$843,260.

The Democrats also reported unpaid obligations amounting to \$306,383.

The accountings were filed with the clerk of the House as required by law, and covered their activities up to Oct. 22.

The Republicans reported total contributions of \$1,265,827 between Sept. 1 and Oct. 22. For the entire year to date they listed receipts of \$2,464,174 and expenses of \$2,086,921. The GOP entered the Sept. 1-Oct. 22 period with a \$509,709 balance.

The Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee said it took in \$198,667 and spent \$228,332 during the seven weeks.

The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee reported income of \$40,455 and expenditure of \$32,790.

The Republican Congressional Campaign Committee listed receipts of \$512,587 and expenses of \$528,827.

The Democratic Congressional committee report has not yet been made public.

Reader Opinions

Real Sportsmen Hit By Vandal-Like Type

ROSEBURG — Before Mr. Oberg — who presents anti-hunting signs and notices — begins to feel he said the right thing in his expression in The News-Review recently, I wish to add my knowledge to that of Mrs. Schafer to enlighten him of the fact that we ranchers and farmers are forced to do this.

Why? Because of the utter lack of good sportsmanship and disregard for our right to own land and stock, as shown by these "would-be" hunters. Just suppose one of us walked across his lawn or picked a flower sticking outside the fence. He would have the police after us in a hurry.

A couple of years ago, during pheasant season, our neighbor asked us to come and get our horses out of his orchard. When we finally caught the frightened animals, one was shot in the chest and still bleeding. Gates were left open as these same men swarmed over the ranch. Two days later we were again called to get the horses out of the orchard, again finding the other one bleeding from shot in the neck and with wire cuts on forelegs because they were forced through the fence.

In desperation we hurriedly prepared some signs to nail on the posts (those we bought had been torn down two days before the season opened) and were greeted by names and insults from those "would-be" hunters as they passed along the road in their cars.

All ranchers have heard the stupid tale about creating our own private hunting area. But most of us like to have the little animals eat hay with our cows, or apples and pears in the orchard. In fact, some of us do not even own a deer gun. The deer have no fear of us.

There may be some great satisfaction in being able to brag that you got a deer so close in, but to us it is the same as shooting a pet. We find that real sportsmen do not mind, but rather enjoy, a trip with friends into an area where there is no livestock and where the game is wild. Usually they get deer. Employers generally are lenient about time off.

Recently our neighbor found his fine blackface buck shot to death in his sheep pasture. Did those spotlighting hunters look up the owner and offer to pay him for his loss? Guess again!

We have respect for the real sportsman who drives into your yard and asks permission to hunt, learns where your stock is pastured, and closes gates on the way through.

Again, Mr. Oberg, resent it if you will but don't blame the ranchers, because it is a condition brought on by individuals who make it tough on the real sportsman by their lack of what it takes to make a good one.

MRS. GEORGE GOLDADER
Roseburg, Ore.

No Matter Who Wins, Acheson May Resign

WASHINGTON — The State Department said Monday that only Dean Acheson can say if and when he intends to resign as secretary of state.

Press Officer Michael J. McDermott said so at a news conference when questioned by reporters about predictions that Adlai Stevenson would drop Acheson from his cabinet if he is elected president.

Acheson and the other Truman cabinet members most likely will submit their resignations about Jan. 20, when a new president takes over. This is customary in a change of administrations.

Some of Acheson's friends have expressed the opinion he wants to quit then and will not stay on regardless of who is elected.

In talking to reporters, McDermott recalled Acheson has said he "has enlisted for the duration" of the Truman administration.

Logging Operator Held On Kansas Theft Charge

PORTLAND — The FBI said Sunday that Carl Lord, 46, was held in the Jackson County jail at Medford as a fugitive from Wichita, Kan.

James B. Foster, FBI special agent, said Lord was wanted on a burglary charge. He has been operating a logging business at Williams, Ore.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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deadly poison. . . the idea being that if he was guilty he'd die and if he was innocent the poison would be innocuous to him.
He submitted to the ordeal of the cup of hemlock and DIED.
Q.E.D.: He was guilty.

There were various forms of trial by ordeal in those days:
There was the ordeal by fire. The accused had to hold in his hand a piece of red-hot iron or had to walk blindfold and barefoot among nine red-hot plowshares laid at unequal distances. If he came through unscathed, he went to the head of the class.

There was the ordeal of hot water. The party of the first part was required to plunge his arm up to the elbow in boiling water. If he was scalded, it was just too bad—he was NO GOOD.

In the ordeal of the bier, a person suspected of murder was required to touch the corpse. If he was guilty, the blood of the dead body would start to flow.

And so on, ad infinitum. Trial by ordeal was hot stuff in the ancient world.

Well, it STILL IS.

We've merely changed the form of it a little. We require candidates for President to stand up and expose themselves to all the verbal dead cats and rotten eggs and overripe tomatoes their opponents may choose to lob at them. We compel them to tell us every cent they've earned since they climbed out of the cradle, and what for. We call them "snollygosters" and not infrequently s.o.b.'s and such. If they live through it, we give them the accolade and say: "YOU'RE GOOD ENOUGH TO BE PRESIDENT, Bud."

One more incident of modern trial by ordeal:
Secretary of State Dean Acheson is expected to make the longest speech of his career before the United Nations in New York—ABOUT THREE HOURS!

If the boys in the striped pants live through it, I suppose we'll have to concede they really do something to earn their pay and their tax-free licker.
Three hours! WOW!!!

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MILK PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ACT BILL—Purpose: Authorizes governor to appoint milk control administrator, an instrumentality of state, with annual salary of \$7200, vested with power to investigate supervise and regulate the production of milk for human consumption within the state. Act requires butterfat labeling of milk and licensing of milk dealers. Appropriates license fees for expense of administration. Authorizes administrator to designate marketing areas, require uniform records and accounts to be kept by producers and dealers, fix minimum milk production prices after public hearing, and require bonds of milk dealers. Appeals are provided for and penalties for violations; all existing milk control laws are repealed.

Vote YES or NO

332 X Yes. I vote for the proposed law.

333 No. I vote against the proposed law.

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