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OREGON HAS NEW LAWS

By Charles V. Stanton

Thirsty Oregonians who voted last Nov. 4 to permit sale of alcoholic beverages by the glass must wait several months before hoisting one at the cocktail bar, even though measures passed at the election became operative this week.

Although 12 new laws were passed through initiative and referendum procedure, few will be of immediate effect. Candidates elected to the Legislature at the election, of course, don't take office until the first Monday in January, rather than becoming state officials immediately upon election. This is because the people approved a fixed term for legislators.

The loan amendment for veterans of the First World War is now deleted from the Constitution, but it hasn't been operating for a considerable time and was so much dead-weight.

The remaining 10 measures are of the delayed action type and will require some future action.

Regulations Required

Possibly the "hot potato" of the next legislative session will be the liquor-by-the-glass controversy. Oregon voters authorized single drinks. Before cocktails become available at public bars, private clubs, and on trains, the Legislature must set up rules and regulations while licenses must be applied for, examined and either granted or rejected. We may be sure that opponents, even though beaten at the polls, will still try to get in a few licks. They will endeavor to make the regulations as restrictive as possible. And, in our opinion, that's a good thing. We believe the Oregon voter felt that liquor-by-the-glass was in reality a move toward more temperate use of alcohol. We anticipate the Legislature will approach the problem with that thought in mind and try to make its regulations fit into the pattern of the Knox law insofar as possible. The Legislature must comply with the expressed will of the voters but a critical "dry" opposition should be effective in pointing the new law toward temperance, which we believe is generally desired.

Unless the law when passed by the Legislature carries an emergency clause, it still will not become operative until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns. As the Legislature probably will be in session for at least two or three months, it undoubtedly will be about midyear before cocktail bars start business in Oregon.

Market Milk Act Is Issue

Although voters turned down the effort to repeal the milk marketing act, we expect to see the law liberally amended at the next session of the Legislature. The vote indicated much dissatisfaction with the present system, although outright repeal was not wanted.

The Legislature undoubtedly will be subjected to strong pressure to amend sections pertaining to wholesale and retail sales and possibly some of the existing quota and distribution regulations.

Because the people placed a limitation on property taxes, the Legislature will not be able to impose any such tax at a rate greater than six mills. While no property tax has been necessary for a number of years, there is some possibility that the next legislature will be forced to seek new sources of tax revenue. Voters defeated the proposed cigarette tax, which closed one source.

Another measure calling for legislative action is that authorizing a hospital for aged mental patients at Portland. It will be necessary to appropriate funds for construction and maintenance if the Legislature decides to proceed immediately with erection of the facilities.



Since most of the guests, around the table spread with holiday green bright fruits and Oregon grape sprays, were grandmothers, it wasn't long before the talk was about grandchildren and Christmas. "It's surprising," said one, "the pleasure simple things give a child! Often they get more fun out of putting the cover on and off the box than they do out of what came in it!"

"Yes," said another, "Chippie hopes he will have an egg beater all his own from Santa Claus." Said another, "I remember Bill carried a discarded coffee percolator around for weeks in preference to everything else!"

"Clothespins!" exclaimed another guest. "One of my grandchildren is crazy about clothespins! The pinch kind. She opens them some way with her nose, instead of using her two hands!"

"One of my youngsters learned to count, sitting on the floor with his daddy and a box of clothespins. 'Two - five-seven - I can hear him now!'"

"I sent Janet," said another fond grandma, "a box of simple little gifts, each one marked with the time it was to be opened. One every half hour, all day." We all could see Janet's big brown eyes shine with pleasure on her birthday over so many surprises!

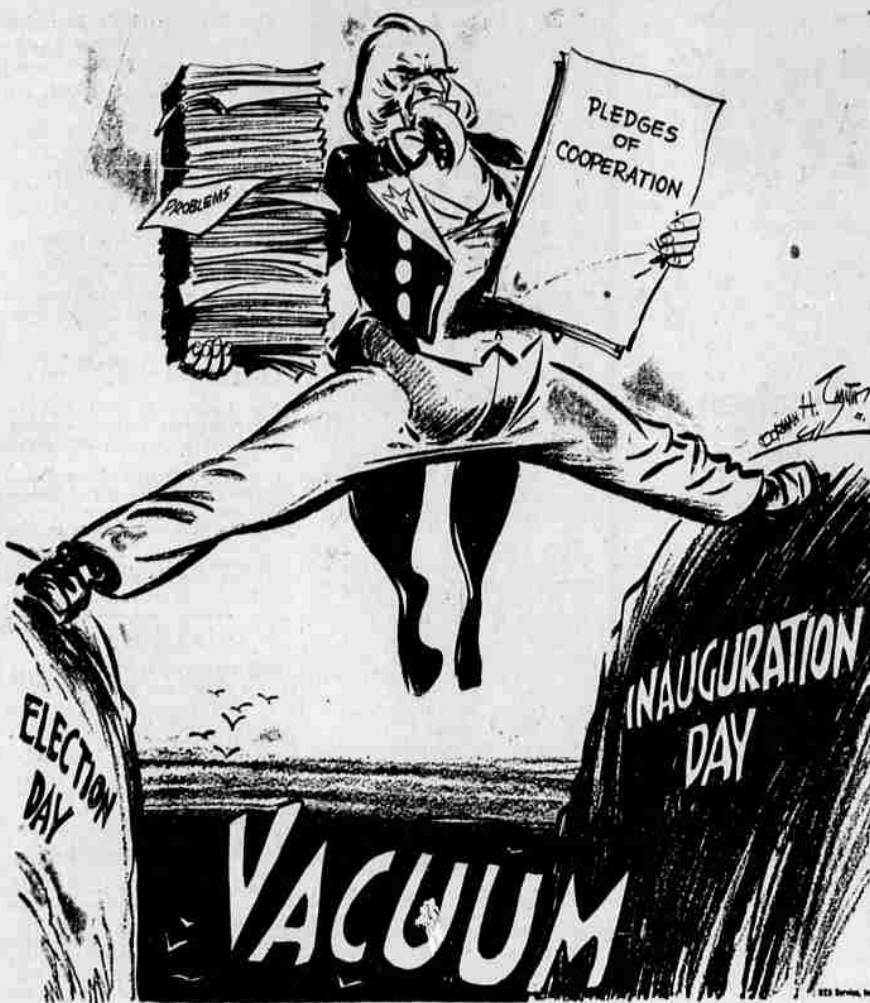
"One year," said another guest, "my parents sent a box of really nice toys. When we opened it a little spool fell out. Mother had painted it to show me the color of her new breakfast room. It was the only thing we could interest Sealey in. He would roll it ahead of him, and then hitch along on his right hip — you know how

DIPLOMAT RESIGNS

WASHINGTON (U) — Walter J. Donnelly, a career diplomat for nearly 30 years, has resigned as U. S. High Commissioner to Germany, administration sources disclosed Thursday.

These sources, who asked not to be quoted by name, said Donnelly informed President Truman he wishes to enter private business.

Still Tough to Bridge the Gap



WASHINGTON — Not all of the tragedies of the Korean war occur on the battlefield.

Thousands of highly trained young men have been drafted or called back to active duty with the armed forces only to be employed in boondoggling jobs which surpass in idleness the leaf-raking days of the Works Progress Administration.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are wasted annually by the Defense Department on a phony career guidance program, representing a monument of futility in the Pentagon's manpower policies. There are ample facts to prove it and I recommend the following to the attention of the House Armed Services Committee and its upcoming Republican chairman, Representative Dewey Short, of Missouri.

In Berlin, for instance, a young soldier schooled at army expense in the care and maintenance of diesel engines is employed as a company clerk. Another soldier, trained at great cost by the army in electronic communications is a fire chief of West Berlin. He bosses several hundred firemen, but prior to his assignment he had never attended a fire, let alone helped put one out.

Another G.I. in Berlin was trained at army expense in administration. He now rides the streets of West Berlin, chauffeured by a liveried German in a limousine, inspecting garbage collections in the city. A combat infantry sergeant is in charge of emergency power stations. His experience in this type of work consists of having been severely shocked when he touched one of the electrical devices in the emergency station, owing to the fact that he does not understand the German language and therefore cannot take instructions from the Germans employed as his assistants.

These are not isolated instances. They are simply a few examples among the thousands available for the attention of Congressman Short's committee.

In fact, Cosmopolitan Magazine, in its December issue, goes into the subject in greater detail than my own investigation, but the findings coincide.

For instance, at the Army War College at Carlisle, Pa., 750 men are employed in the job of servicing 150 students; a navy tanker in the Pacific has a crew of 282 men, whereas a commercial tanker performing the same job has a crew of 45 men.

We are spending \$10,933,000,000 annually to maintain approximately 3,700,000 men and women in the armed forces. And selective service is now threatening to start drafting 19-year-olds.

The armed forces have always been notorious for wasting manpower. However, in the pre-Korean period, the Defense Department, with great fanfare, set up a career guidance department and created an assistant to the secretary of Defense for Manpower. Mrs. Anna Rosenberg was appointed to the job. She has journeyed far and wide, inspecting domestic and ov-

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Reporter Upheld In Not Revealing His News Source

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (U) — U. S. Dist. Judge Seymour H. Lynne Thursday ruled constitutional Alabama's privilege law protecting a reporter from having to reveal his news sources.

The federal judge handed down the opinion in connection with a \$4,000,000 libel suit filed against the magazines Readers Digest and Front Page Detective in New York by former Alabama Gov. James E. Folsom and three of his administration aides.

In ruling the Alabama law constitutional, Judge Lynne at the same time reserved judgment on whether Hugh Sparrow, Birmingham News writer, could be compelled to answer questions by the plaintiffs' attorneys in the New York federal court.

Sparrow, writer for the Birmingham News, declined to answer questions asked at a pre-trial hearing about the sources of his information on Alabama prison conditions.

He cited a 1935 Alabama statute which grants immunity to reporters from revealing such sources.

A 1950 article and reprint entitled, "Devil's Island U. S. A.," caused the suit. Sparrow's investigation of prison conditions under the Folsom administration was discussed in the magazine.

Each of the four asked \$500,000 from each magazine in a suit filed in U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Mayor Dorothy Lee Gets Assignment To Germany

PORTLAND (U) — Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee will leave Portland Jan. 7 for a three-month trip to Germany on a State Department assignment.

Mrs. Lee, whose job as mayor ends Dec. 31, said she would be a special consultant on organization of local government.

She lost in her recent try for reelection as mayor.

Does it portend an open split between the Taft forces and the Ike forces?

I doubt it.

I'm inclined to think it was what the professionals call "good politics." Taft could have been putting the new secretary of labor on notice that a tolerant broad-minded approach to the employer-employee relations problem is what is expected of him in his new job.

I can't believe the Republicans are going to throw away their chance to give the people what the people voted for by getting into an ear-biting, thumb-chewing ruckus at this stage of the game.

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In the Day's News

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ling of what their wives face every time they give a big party. Women, you know, have responsibilities too.

Just a thought, men. Why not save that job off on your wives? They've had a lot of experience.

It - takes - all - kinds - of - people - to - make - a - world - note.

The man who shot his television set when he didn't like the program may have a relative in Oakland, California. Young Edward Sander shot mad at his hot rod car yesterday, and pumped five shots into the body. Then he ripped up the upholstery, smashed the windows and set fire to the remains.

That's known generically as biting off your nose to spite your face. Quite a lot of people do it from time to time and in various ways.

But— People who do things like that seldom get far in the world, because everybody recognizes that they aren't the kind you can tie to — and for responsible jobs the kind of people who can be TIED TO are the kind that are wanted. Keep that thought in mind the next time you feel a blow-up coming on.

That brings up Senator Taft's crack about Ike's appointment of AFL Labor Leader Durkin to be secretary of labor.

Was that a blow-up?

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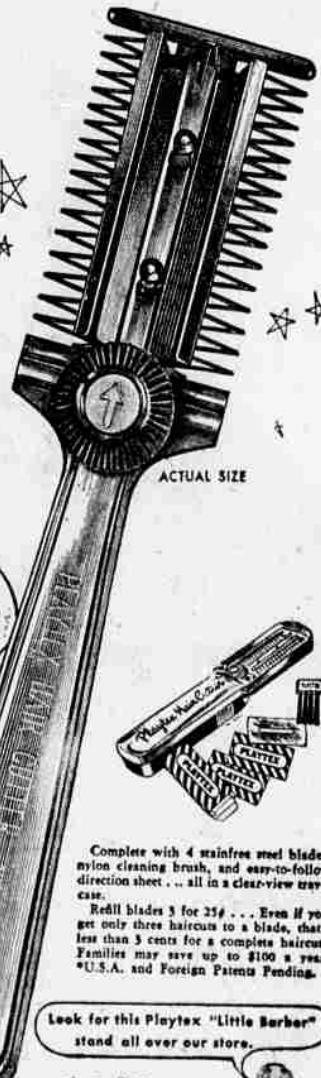


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