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NEW PROCESS ANNOUNCED

By Charles V. Stanton

It has been pointed out many times in this column that as the timber resource is depleted, new processes are installed to utilize more efficiently the limited materials remaining. An outstanding example is reported by *The Coos Bay Times*, which tells of a new process invented by the Evans Products Company.

This company manufactures wooden battery separators. Separators now are obtained by cutting slices from blocks of clear-grained wood. Very choice logs are demanded. The grain must be straight and the wood free from all knots and defects. Logs are cut into blocks, the blocks then are treated to permit slicing without splitting. Special machinery is used to cut off uniform slices which then go through a finishing and drying process.

Because production of battery separators requires prime material, much of a log is wasted. As the supply of raw material diminishes, it becomes increasingly difficult to obtain the straight, clear-grained wood essential for the existing manufacturing process. More and more wood goes into the burner because only a small part of poorer logs may be used. When the time comes that suitable material no longer is available, a battery separator plant must either close or move to a new location.

New Process Invented

The Evans Products Company, one of the nation's leading manufacturers of separators and other wood products, has been facing that prospect. The timber supply in Coos County, where the company operates, has been greatly depleted. Much of the supply has been procured in Douglas County in recent years. The company recently purchased the Mar-Linn Plywood plant at Winchester to enlarge its plywood production.

Faced with depletion of battery separator material, the Evans Company has been experimenting for many years with substitute processes. It is reported by *The Coos Bay Times* that long research has paid off. A satisfactory new process has been discovered, and it is one expected to stabilize the industry.

Instead of using a separator made from a slice of wood off a select log, the Evans Company is introducing a substitute made from wood pulp. Wood chips are cooked by chemical process into a pulp. The pulp is rolled into strips and, after curing and drying, is grooved and cut into the proper sizes for battery use.

"Evanite," as the new product will be known, has undergone three years of road tests in batteries on all kinds of vehicles, following long laboratory development and testing. It is reported.

In the future the separator industry will be able to utilize the cheapest wood waste, rather than expensive and scarce materials. Battery separators may be made from waste now going into burners. There is no longer need for the industry to be transient, for it can operate on culls, trimmings and waste so long as any merchantable timber is available.

Pulp Offers Opportunities

It has been interesting to watch the way in which the timber industry is turning rapidly from the saw to pulp. Sawing logs into boards was for many years virtually the only manufacturing process. In recent years, however, pulping has brought about many changes.

Where pulp was once used only for paper, it now is made into many types of hard and soft boards and other substitutes for saw-cut products. Chemical utilization results in fabrics, plastics, protein feeds, commercial alcohol and many other products.

As the timber industry has experienced depletion of saw timber, it has turned to substitute processes. Many of these processes offer advantage over original methods, just as the Evans company, through its extensive research, has come up with a new product which frees it from restrictions long limiting operation of that particular production field.

Furthermore, this new process, instead of requiring expensive, select and scarce stock, makes use of an abundant waste material. Doubtless it will give the company a decided economic advantage over its competition until competitors either lease manufacturing rights or invent new processes of their own.

Scraps From the



by Vahnett Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

MENDING BASKET

The writer of a letter about "I Was a Hobo Kid," by Billie Davis, in the Dec. 13 Saturday Evening Post, is well qualified by her profession to speak as she does about this tribute to educators. "It is," writes Miss M., "one of the most splendid and touching tributes to education and teachers I have ever read. Almost as good as 'Brilliant Jughead,' John Hersey's article a few years ago, I would like to take 'I Was a Hobo Kid' and get someone to translate it into Russian and broadcast it all over the Soviet Union. It would be the best propaganda for democracy we could use."

Another letter contains good news for veterans who write verse:

"The Hospitalized Veterans' Project of Theta Sigma Phi Alumnae will provide a 'Writer's Aide' who will type for him and help with postage, some criticism, etc. They have a new magazine. You can get a sample copy of it for 25 cents from Mrs. Frank Wolter, 5901 El Monte, Mission, Kan. They hold contests in both verse and prose, for VETERANS ONLY, with no qualifying fees or 'strings'."

The above is from a helpful letter written by Elinor Brown, who with her husband, edits *The Archer* in Hollywood. (As you know the Browns are from Canas Valley.) I had sent her some humorous verse which came to this column, asking if it might find a place in *The Archer*. "Too late for this year," *The Archer* is issued quarterly.

The World Almanac states that Theta Sigma Phi is a recognition society (turns out) with headquarters at 404 West 28th Street, Austin 22, Texas. Organized in 1909, membership over 11,000. I am most happy to quote this information for veterans; it was new to me, although probably Hilda Peterson knows all about it. (Thanks. E. R. also for your thoughtfulness in taking some time at such a busy season to suggest a change in the verse. I will send it on, of course. Your encouraging comment, that "he has a sense of humor and quite a good sense of rhythm and rhyme, and probably could write other humorous bits" should please him. Coming from you, a professional poet!)

"You Bet I'm Interested in a Good Lightning Rod!"



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — The real test of President-elect Eisenhower's chances for solid cooperation from the Republican congress is now underway here in Washington.

Members of Congress and political leaders from states that voted Republican in the November election are down now to the brass tacks level of politics — slicing up the patronage.

The administration is represented in the discussions, most of which are conducted by long distance telephone calls, by Herbert Brownell, Eisenhower's choice for attorney general, and Arthur Summerfield, named for the post of postmaster general.

The Republican National Committee patronage team is headed by Wesley Roberts and includes Stanley Pratt and Douglas Whitlock, all national committee officials, and Representatives Charles Halleck of Indiana and Leonard Hall of New York.

Strangely enough, there is so far no visible representation from the GOP side of the Senate, an oversight that probably will be corrected soon or lead to serious trouble.

A president-elect is generally conceded the right to appoint his top team mates without regard to party politics. This has definitely been the case insofar as Eisenhower is concerned, and only a minimum of grumbling from party politicians is discernible. There is, however, a general feeling among party leaders that future political appointments should be cleared with the state congressional delegations, to avoid embarrassing senators and representatives who like to be the first to know when a hometown boy gets a break from the head of the party.

Thousands of executive department jobs are on the block, as well as large numbers of staff positions on congressional committees. Members of Congress are already being besieged by job hunters, and almost every member of Congress has from one to a dozen favorites for every available job.

A state quota is being established to avoid wholesale mayhem in GOP political circles. In the art of practical politics there is nothing to do but abide by the quota system, or get left out in the cold, a fate almost as bad as not getting reelected.

The quota system assures the Southern States that voted for Eisenhower, a share in political appointments. Admittedly this will be comparatively small, compared to a state the size of New York, for instance, but it is better than being ignored entirely. Southern politicians are quick to admit.

All state quotas are secret, and only those directly concerned, usually the senior members of state congressional delegations, will be apprised of the totals, and then only the total for the members' own state. This reduces the troubles of patronage committees considerably, although by the end of six months everybody on Capitol Hill knows the residence of practically every employee in all branches of Congress. By then, however, the patronage committees will be able to point out that even their worst critics did get their back scratched patronage wise, however loud the complaining.

So far the so-called Eisenhower-Dewey wing of the Republican party is represented most heavily in top administration jobs. And there is no sign that the patronage appetite of this branch is satiated. Moves are underway, however, to reduce what has rudely been described in some congressional circles as eastern gluttony. Nothing, of course, will be done about the jobs already filled.

As a newcomer to politics, Eisenhower has been guilty of some oversights in the finessing of politics.

Crap-Game Won Auto Leads To Traffic Fine

SALEM — The secretary of state's office has been advised, in the routine reporting of motor vehicle affairs, that this went on in Multnomah County last August:

A sheriff's deputy noted that Vastine White was driving with an expired automobile license. When he stopped him, White wasn't able to produce a driver's license but he said he had one at home. The deputy went home with him and there White brought out a license—but the name on it and the description didn't fit him.

Well, said White, he'd won it in a crap game.

In district court White was fined \$10 for no license and expired plates.

In the Day's News

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purpose has been to build up the peoples of the non-communist world so that they will be willing and able to join with us in resisting the menace of world communism.

I realize that in the past couple of decades the term BILLIONS has been batted about like a tennis ball in a hot match. As a result it fails to impress us. So maybe we'd better get down to brass tacks.

Roughly, each billion dollars spent by the government of the United States represents about seven dollars of YOUR money. Meaning you, AS AN INDIVIDUAL. If you happen to be the bread winner for yourself and three dependents, it means about \$28 to you.

So, you see, the \$7 billion dollars spent by the United States for foreign aid has meant about \$600 to you as an individual, and more if you're a breadwinner.

How do I feel about it? I'll have to confess I don't know. I'm a little country business man. I can't be well enough informed to pass an intelligent opinion on a subject having such VAST ramifications. But I know how I FEEL. I mean HOW I FEEL IN MY BONES. I know what my instinctive reactions are.

As I read and hear of the reactions of people all over the world to AMERICA and AMERICANS, the blood begins to pound a little in my ears and the hair begins to raise a little on the back of my neck and I feel like saying:

"Well, if that's the way you feel about us, after all of these years of unexampled generosity on the part of one nation toward other nations, I think we'd better PULL OUT and leave you to stew in your own juice."

I know it's probably wrong. But I can't help it. It's my INSTINCTIVE feeling about it.

Also, I can't help feeling that Old Joe Stalin is sitting back WAITING FOR US TO BANKRUPT OURSELVES, at which time he'll move in on us.

Anyway, I agree with the 90 per cent of the members of the new congress who think we'd better shut down on the money we've been spending (so recklessly) abroad.

New Building Plans Approved By State Board

SALEM — The State Board of Control approved Tuesday preliminary plans for a new \$3,500,000 six-story main building at the Oregon State Hospital.

The plans will be submitted to the Legislature next month.

The new building would replace the entire center section of the hospital, and would be the first step in replacing the entire main group of hospital buildings.

The plan calls for construction of

a \$2,500,000 wing to the new building, and the 1935 Legislature would consider this. Then the 1937 Legislature would consider a second \$2,500,000 wing, making the total cost of the project \$8,000,000.

Gov. Douglas McKay, presiding at his last board meeting before his expected resignation Wednesday, said the project is vital because the present buildings "are an old fire trap."

The new building is the No. 1

priority of the \$6,772,000 building program that will be submitted to the Legislature.

The other projects, in order of priority, are construction of a state reformatory, \$2,500,000; a cottage for 100 inmates at the Fairview Home for Feeble Minded Persons, \$132,000; surgery and strong rooms for Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis Hospital at The Dalles, \$90,000; a

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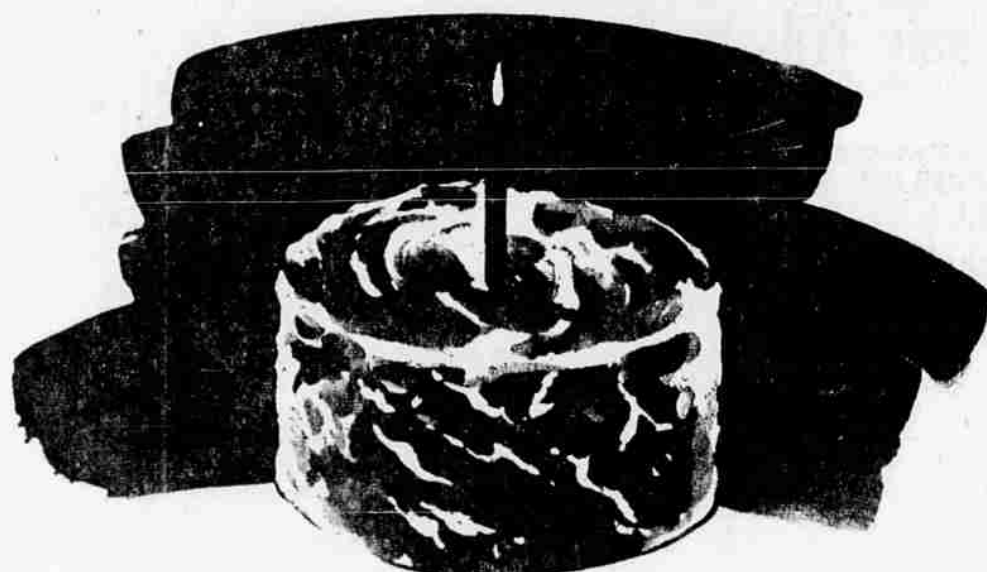
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