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FINE DELEGATION

By Charles V. Stanton

Douglas County's delegation goes to the Oregon Legislature next week bearing extraordinary prestige and esteem from fellow legislators.

We have had the good fortune and great pleasure in recent weeks to meet with many members of the new legislature. We attended a conference with legislators at Salem. Several members of the legislature were present at a meeting we attended at Medford Sunday. We have been made extremely proud by the opinions expressed by legislators concerning members of our county delegation. Time and again members of both the Senate and House have gone out of their way to tell us how pleased they were with the men Douglas County voters have chosen for the legislature. One veteran member even went so far as to say that Douglas County will have the "best delegation" in the legislature. We, of course, agreed fully with his opinion. Our provincial pride would not let us do otherwise.

On every hand we heard fine comments concerning former Senator Tom Parkinson, who did not seek reelection. Senate members said they had feared Douglas County would not replace him with a man of equal caliber. Every senator with whom we talked was delighted that Paul Geddes was elected to the seat vacated by Parkinson. They feel the Roseburg attorney is a most valuable addition to Senate membership.

Has Excellent Record

Senator Geddes has an excellent legislative record for his work in the House. He is considered, we learn, one of the most industrious and able men in the legislature. Despite the fact that he is a new member in the Senate, it is indicated that he will be given important committee assignments, not normally conferred upon "freshmen." He will go into the Senate with the esteem and respect of all members of that body.

We also have heard fine commendation for the work of Representative V. T. Jackson. Rumored committee appointments indicate that Jackson, serving his second term, will be the workhorse of the House during the coming session.

Rudie Wilhelm, who is to serve as Speaker of the House, expressed to us his feeling of confidence in Jackson's ability, telling us that he proposed to assign him to some of the most "ticklish" jobs because of his fairmindedness, application to the job, and his ability to "get along" with fellow members. While Jackson seldom is heard on the floor of the House, he is particularly appreciated for his industrious and efficient committee work.

"He is firm to the point of obstinacy, once convinced he is right," one veteran representative told us, "but his tact and good nature prevent friction."

Amacher Gains Friends

John Amacher, the new member of the delegation, who takes the seat left vacant by Geddes, already has made many friends among members of the legislature. He previously had a wide acquaintanceship, resulting from frequent visits to past sessions. But he has gone out of his way to get acquainted with as many new members as possible in advance of the coming session.

Time and again we have had members of the legislature, meeting Amacher for the first time, tell us how favorably they were impressed with him. He has taken his election very seriously and has been working industriously to familiarize himself with the various issues and problems coming before the session.

Our personal acquaintance with John leads us to believe he will quickly become one of the most highly respected members of the House.

It has been our good fortune to travel with him over hundreds of miles to and from various meetings during the past few years. In our travels — often only the two of us in a car — we have come to know him well.

He is a naturalized citizen, a native of Switzerland, but he is one of the most patriotic and best informed Americans we know. We doubt if any member of the legislature is better informed on civil government, American history and political science.

We know he has a very intense feeling that he has been greatly honored through an opportunity to be of service, and will devote himself completely to that service.

There is the closest personal friendship among the three members of our legislative delegation. They will cooperate easily. Each is imbued with a high sense of responsibility and patriotism.

If our delegation isn't the best, there at least will be none superior.

Seraph From the



MENDING BASKET

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Mrs. Anna Kruse was not at home today, and she will be sorry, because she missed a caller who spoke warmly of her cooperation in his work. Martin Schmitt, curator of special collections at the University of Oregon, who looks up old records and old papers and anything of interest that will help the University acquire a complete picture of early days in Oregon. Said Mr. Schmitt: "There was a time when interest was centered to a great extent on the more famous people of Oregon, but now we want to find the little common-place daily records made in old diaries and letters by everyday people who were not famous but whose jottings will be of value when taken together with others. There seem to be some in the present generation who think such everyday accounts, old ledgers and old records and letters are of no value. Then others, at the other extreme, attach so great a sentimental interest to them that they will not even loan them long enough for us to microfilm them!"

"Yet an old diary that has been micro-filmed is preserved. It is a kind of insurance. I know of one home where a large number of early ledgers are kept, treasured for sentiment, yet refused to the University for filming. These ledgers, with their day-by-day accounting, would be of inestimable value in an historical sense. They would, when taken with others, help form the pattern we seek to put together and preserve."

Mr. Schmitt was rejoicing in the securing of a great number of old lumber mill and logging records of an early day, given by the present day owner who realized that their contribution to early-day history would be of more value if entrusted to the University than if kept in his home where a fire might destroy, or perhaps a later generation, finding them of no interest, might not keep. Such records may not have value in the

Barge on the Nile



Fulton Lewis Jr.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — State Department spokesmen recently apologized profusely to a House sub-committee for allowing American-brand Communists to infiltrate the United Nations secretariat. Then they wound up by confessing that their purported efforts to keep Reds off the payroll not only were a failure, but that they covered only a minor segment of that international collection of gabblers.

The spokesmen were Secretary of State Dean Acheson; his legal adviser, Adrian Fisher, and the official directly connected with the issue, assistant secretary of state for U. N. affairs, John D. Hickerson. They admitted, one by one, that the "secret" procedure for collaring Communists did not extend to the special agencies of the international organization.

Such organizations as the International Monetary Fund, the United Nations educational, social and cultural organization, the World Bank, and numerous others could be, and probably are, loaded with Communists, for all Acheson knows. The special agencies comprise the bulk of the overall United Nations set-up.

Acheson and his crew, while admitting unprecedented blunders in trying to keep Communists out of the U. N. secretariat, nevertheless sought praise for what they had accomplished — sought it without batting an eye, even when it was pointed out their "secret" arrangement applied to only about 10 percent of the U. N.

Hundreds of Americans are employed by UNESCO. Some of them, as I have pointed out previously, are ineligible for federal employment because of their Communist or Communist front records. The International Monetary fund is another. Its executive secretary, Frank Coe, recently was fired after a congressional committee exposed him as willing neither to admit nor deny his present participation, or lack of it, in a Soviet espionage net. His assistant in the I.M.F. previously had been fired from the State Department on the grounds of doubtful loyalty and forbidden ever again to work for the government. So it goes.

Acheson and company told the congressmen — a baffled and bewildered collection of patriots when the explaining ended, I might add — that even though it took them seven years to discover their anti-Communist policy is a failure, it mattered little, anyhow. Communists, in the U. N. are not endangering American security, they opined. Well, let's see.

A senate sub-committee to investigate the administration of the Internal Security Act recently published a report. One of its witnesses was Harvey Matusow, of Dayton, Ohio. Matusow for several years was an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Communist Party and he did a good job. One of his Communist Party assignments was to take a vacation at San Cristobal Valley Ranch, in New Mexico.

Matusow said he didn't get much rest there. He testified that Communist Party schools and party fund raising enterprises were conducted at the ranch. It was a pleasant, isolated retreat, far away from the hurly burly of anti-Communist investigators — except for Matusow, who was there as a free-lance guest. Activities other than educational also occurred at the ranch. Matusow testified.

For instance, keeping Acheson's continual scoffing at the harmless Communists in the U. N. in mind, Matusow stated:

sense of money, I suppose, but Mr. Schmitt left no doubt in my mind as to their value from an historical standpoint.

I wished, as I listened, that readers of this column would resolve to see to it that Douglas County mementoes are not lost to posterity.

Only Efficiency Of Agriculture Spares Shortage

KANSAS CITY — Only the efficiency of American agriculture has prevented shortages of beef and leather, Irving R. Glass, executive vice president of the Tanners' Council of America, asserted Tuesday.

Glass spoke at the 56th annual convention of the American National Cattleman's Association. The shortages were threatened, he said, by the increase of consumers' income and the desire of the American housewife for roast beef and genuine leather articles.

"This supply situation might easily have gotten out of hand," Glass said in his prepared address. He declared steep price increases of children's shoes and other basic items might have followed, if the cattle industry were not performing "heroic" services in the "great national effort of producing for the kind of life we take for granted."

"Increased herds and an ever-growing stream of cattle moving to market during 1952 made it possible," he said, "for almost 135 million consumers to wear all-leather shoes at prices well within the range of all, as well as to be supplied with a great variety of leather products."

Hides are the most important by-product of the cattle industry, he added, resulting in \$4 billion of consumer products in the last year.

SCHOOL RESUMED

Canyonville Bible Academy resumed school sessions Monday with an enrollment of 125 students.

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Long Dead Man Sighted Along Railroad Track

EUGENE — Sighting of a body by a crewman on a passing train south of Junction City, gave police a grisly puzzle Saturday.

The train crewman dropped off a note here and railroad and city police investigated. They found a decomposing body lying on a pearl-handled revolver.

The revolver had four unfired and one fired cartridges in the cylinder.

There appeared to be one bullet hole in the head and another in the back of the body, that of a man of undetermined age.

Police wondered if their find was connected with a July 9 burglary attempt on a sporting goods store near by. At that time the proprietor fired at two fleeing men. One was jailed and he refused to say who his companion was. There was no indication at the time that the second man might have been hit.

The body's clothing had no identifying papers or marks.

CLIMBER RESCUED

TUCSON, Ariz. — A mountain climber was stranded 22 chilly hours on a narrow ledge before he was lowered 200 feet down a precipice to safety yesterday.

Sheriff's deputies used ropes to bring down 22-year-old Gene Ransier from the Santa Catalina peak near Tucson.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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Red North Koreans) and then would tell his red Chinese stooges to get the heck out of Indo-China and Burma and STAY OUT.

And if he would see to it that they GET OUT and STAY OUT—

Well, in that event we might give some thoughtful attention to his statement that he'd like to have peace.

DEEDS speak louder than words.

Still—

Even in that event—

We'd better keep in mind Oliver Cromwell's advice to his "Ironsides," as quoted by Colonel Valentine Blacker a century and a quarter ago:

"Put your trust in God, my boys, and keep your powder dry."

A Baltimore man who buzzed around the country last summer selling Ike-for-President buttons has sued a couple of filling station operators for \$2500 on the ground that they fouled up his selling campaign and cost him dough.

He alleges that when they changed his oil they failed to properly replace the draincock and the oil ran out and damaged his engine so badly he couldn't keep up with Ike's whirlwind campaign and therefore couldn't peddle his buttons in sufficient volume to make the killing he'd hoped for.

I hope the jury that tries his case harks back to the ancient and realistic rule of business, "caveat emptor"—LET THE BUYER BEWARE.

People who reach the point where they blame the other fellow for everything and themselves

for nothing aren't worth having around.

Try this one on your piano: There are 700,000 dogs in Los Angeles, and the LA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says at least 250,000 of them are either NEUROTIC or close to it. So the Society has hired a CANINE PSYCHOLOGIST to offer free treatment for dogs that have become frustrated by the noises of the city.

One of his remedies will be to call the neurotic dogs into his office and turn on so much noise that when the dogs go home ORDINARY noises won't bother them. After that, he'll collect his fee.

I suppose that idea HAD to originate in Los Angeles. I can't think of any other place screwy enough to tolerate it.



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