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REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN

Charles V. Stanton

A constitutional amendment to redistrict the Oregon State Senate, giving each county one Senator, will be referred to voters at an election in 1956, if a resolution now before the Legislature is approved.

This resolution, reviving the so-called "Federal Plan" of apportionment, is sponsored by the smaller counties, which fear domination by larger counties if Senators are apportioned on the basis of population.

Oregon's Constitution provides that members of both Houses shall be apportioned in accordance with population. For many years, however, the Legislature has rejected reapportionment attempts. It is now faced with a mandate for reapportionment in accordance with constitutional provisions. If Senators are named as provided by existing law, large counties would have predominating influence.

The resolution now before the Legislature would submit to voters a proposed change in the Constitution, to give each county equal representation in the Senate, while preserving House membership in proportion to population. It is called the "Federal Plan" because it follows the system set up in the U.S. Constitution, whereby Senators represent geographical area, and Representatives serve population.

Larger Counties In Opposition

An editorial appearing recently in the *Albany Democrat-Herald* summarizes the problem in excellent manner. The writer says:

The larger counties cannot be expected to line up with enthusiasm behind this amendment—if it is submitted—and if they follow what looks like the natural trend, they will be able to defeat the amendment. Sentiment thus far expressed in Multnomah and Marion counties indicates opposition to the change, which would reduce their senate representation. Lane and Clackamas counties also would lose a senator. Linn county's upper house representation would be unchanged.

The larger counties may, indeed, be able to kill this particular plan of reapportionment in the legislature. The arguments on each side are old. Shall population be the sole basis for legislative representation? Or shall areas with interests differing somewhat from those of the population centers get some protection against possible pressure of metropolitan centers in the matter of legislation? This question, of course, can be reversed as the cities demand protection from the outlying districts of small population. England rebelled against the old "rotten boroughs" and put the House of Commons, 130-odd years ago, on the basis of population, thereby breaking the political control theretofore exercised by rural districts to the practical disfranchisement of the upcoming larger population centers.

Time For Discussion

Friends of the measure point out that the plan parallels the system of electing the Congress—with the Senate on a state basis and the lower house on a straight basis of population. Nebraska got away from it all by eliminating the Senate altogether 18 years ago.

In case the resolution or some similar measure gets through, there'll be plenty of time to discuss whatever changes are proposed.

Other sections of the proposed amendment provide authority for subsequent division of the representative districts into sub-districts, shortening the ballot in that particular sector and restricting the vote in thickly settled counties to relatively small areas. There is a bit of difference of opinion on the wisdom of this too. The whole problem will come in for extensive discussion if the proposed amendment is put to a vote.

One interesting incidental consequence of the proposed amendment would be to enlarge the Senate to 36 members as against 30 at present. There would be no change in the present size of the lower house, with 60 members.

Possible passage of the resolution will give no particular line on the chances of the amendment itself after it has run the gamut of a campaign. It would do no harm to submit the proposed amendment, giving the people an opportunity to think about it—if they aren't run too ragged with an emotional campaign on "public vs private power" following the so-called "mandate" involved in the hairbreadth victory of a public-powerman last November.

Washington (NEA) — The wraps are now all off.

Adm. Robert B. Carney has himself dropped the cloak of secrecy from his shoulders as Chief of Naval Operations. He has publicly admitted before a Senate committee that he was the man responsible for all the stories on the possibility of a Chinese Communist attack on Matsui by April 15. But he has denied that he ever made any such statement.

Twenty Washington correspondents, including this writer, were present at a private dinner after Admiral Carney returned from his first-hand inspection of the Formosa area.

They all heard him make the prediction of fighting, not once but several times. They had respected his confidence and had not themselves identified Admiral Carney as the source of this information. But when he pulled the rug from under himself before the Senate committee, the rules were suspended. It is therefore possible and perfectly ethical to quote just what the admiral said.

This reporter made full notes on the meeting, as did all the other reporters present. The notes all check. The material appearing below, in quotation marks, is an exact transcript of what I took down at the meeting.

These are some of the notes from which I wrote the dispatch filed the day after the dinner, in which it was reported:

"APRIL 15 IS NOW SEEN as the approximate date for the showdown between war and peace in the Chinese offshore islands."

"By this time the Chinese Communists will have completed their build-up against Matsui Island. A Communist attack against Quemoy is not expected for another month or two."

Admiral Carney began his after-dinner remarks by saying voluntarily, "Chou En-lai and Mao Tse-tung have made a straight pitch. They are flushed with victory."

Fading Economy Lesson Is Cited For Oregon Folks

PORTLAND (AP) — There is a lesson for Oregon in the way the South has tackled its job of reviving a fading economy, Ivan Bloch told the League of Women Voters here.

Bloch, industrial consultant, said that in the past 10 years, employment in Oregon by major industries has increased 4 per cent—but population has increased 25 or 30 per cent. This, he said, "is indicative of the general situation," and he added that Oregon's seasonal lumber employment is another factor of importance.

The South, he said, had many problems but its leadership "faced unpleasant realities" and found ways to strengthen its economy.

The Pacific Northwest's economy, Bloch said, must develop around the Columbia River. He pointed to economical mechanical facilities for unloading ore ships which have helped the South in building a refining industry.

Ore for aluminum should be shipped to Columbia River ports, Bloch said, where pig and ingot aluminum production totals one-third of that of the United States output. This would require costly installations and "there is much merit in the public's underwriting such facilities," he said.

Development of all possible hydro-electric power is essential, said Bloch—who called himself "a partisan of the concept of a regional corporation"—else "we shall stagnate."

The South reached its solution to problems, he said, only after it first "became passionately concerned."

London Papers Fire Printers

LONDON (AP) — Publishers of London's 23 strikebound newspapers dismissed their 23,000 printers Friday after a 14-hour session with strike leaders ended in deadlock.

The economy slash on the 23rd day of the walkout came as no surprise. The printers had been given 15 days' notice—in accordance with their contracts—that they would be laid off unless agreement was reached Friday between the publishers and 700 electricians and maintenance men demanding wage increases.

So far the publishers have made no move to disband their editorial staffs which produce news and feature copy for their 50 million subscribers. The editorial contracts provide for dismissal notices of 30 to 90 days.

The Spectator, a conservative weekly journal of opinion, denounced the stoppage as a Communist plot.

"This has been a strike, not for higher wages, but for power," the Spectator declared.

Mitchell Sticks Tightly To Increasing Of Minimum Pay To Proposed 90 Cents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of Labor Mitchell testified this week that boosting the statutory minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour would be "unsound" and raising it to \$1 "would cause very serious adjustments in some industries."

Under questioning by a Senate labor subcommittee, Mitchell stuck tightly to the 90-cent figure recommended by President Eisenhower earlier this year. It would be a 15-cent rise from the present 75-cent minimum wage.

Mitchell said he knows of "no sound reason" why the minimum wage should not be extended to employees of interstate chain stores, interstate hotel and motion picture chains, and some other workers—about two million in all.

"Prosperity enjoyed by the overwhelming majority of Americans should not blind us to the minority of workers of low income," Mitchell told the subcommittee.

Eisenhower proposed in his State of the Union message in January that the minimum wage be raised to 90 cents and coverage of the law extended to some additional workers. He did not specify what workers he had in mind.

Labor unions have been urging a minimum wage of \$1.25, a figure which has drawn public support from Sen. Lyne (R-NY) and some Northern Democrats.

There is strong support in the Senate for a \$1 minimum, but some Southern Democrats question the wisdom of any increase at all. Whatever legislation reaches the Senate floor seems certain to kick up a first-class fight.

The present 75-cent minimum became effective five years ago. In 1938, when the minimum wage law was first passed, it was 25 cents an hour.

About 24 million workers are now covered by the law. The broad rule that it covers those whose work affects interstate commerce.

An increase to 90 cents now.

Salk Vaccine Shots Will Cost An Estimated \$15

PORTLAND (AP) — When Salk vaccine becomes available for private use, it will probably cost you about \$15 for a series of two shots, plus a booster later.

That was the estimate of the State Medical Society reported after a poll of doctors. A spokesman for the medical society said the national average has been estimated at \$20 for the shots.

There will be no charge, however, for the school children scheduled to get the shots in the next few weeks. The serum for them comes from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

The State Board of Health said 70,455 requests for inoculation have been received from parents of Oregon children eligible for the program. That is 82 per cent of those eligible. The board expects the final total to be about 95 per cent.

Reader Opinions

Stop Spending, Answer To State Tax Problem

ROSEBURG — It is truly a fine state of affairs:

The Grand Old State of Oregon needs 34 million dollars to balance the budget. It moves to do so by reducing the income tax exemption from \$600 to \$500 and adding a surtax of anywhere up to 34 per cent, slapping a tax on cigarettes but not cigars or pipe tobacco, making a gentle (very gentle) pass at the sales tax and then to cap the climax increases supreme and circuit judges \$1,000 a year in their salary. What a travesty of justice! Will the voters of this state ever wake up to the fact that you can't save unless you quit spending?

If the average man can't afford a new car or a new suit, usually he can't buy it. Not the state. If some one comes up with an idea as to a new college or a new administration building or anything new that will cost a million dollars, does anyone ever ask, "Can we afford it? If they have I certainly don't remember it. It is just a case of stick on the tax and if income and other taxes can't bring in enough to do it, why just put it on real property."

There will be a reckoning some time and I hope I am here to say, "I told you so."

B. R. SHOEMAKER, M.D.

Expression Of Gratitude Made For Help After Fire

ROSEBURG — We wish to thank all the good people who assisted us at the time and after our house burned April 3. We wish especially to thank the V.F.W. and both radio stations for assistance and Stella and Nelson Tobias for their big part, also the Roseburg Fire Department for a job well done. If they had not been on the ball, we would have lost it all.

We have helped a lot of people when they had fires, and now we appreciate more than ever what help means in a time like this. We have been repaid many times for all the years we have given to welfare work. Thanks again to everybody.

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COUNTY JUDGE DIES

CORVALLIS (AP) — George McBe, 62, Benton County judge for 13 years, died in a Portland hospital Friday morning.

Competing Firms Drop Court Action

NEW YORK (AP) — Court action by a competing company has been dropped and the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp.'s natural gas line into Oregon and Washington from New Mexico should be started "around the first of May."

C. R. Williams, president of the company, said here this week that there has been "a meeting of minds" with officials of Trans-Northwest Gas Co. and that firm has dropped a suit seeking to block the line. The suit was started in the U. S. Court of Appeals at Philadelphia.

Williams would not say what the meetings of minds involved. It was reported in Washington, D. C., however, that Pacific had agreed to purchase certain assets of Trans-Northwest in the area near Spokane.

It was presumed that these assets included county permits for rights-of-way granted Trans-Northwest.

The pipeline is to extend from the San Juan Basin of New Mexico to the Canadian border north of Seattle, where it is to join the Westcoast Transmission Co., Ltd.

Atomic Reactor Remarks Said Misinterpreted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Remarks made by Sen. Magnuson regarding possible construction of an atomic reactor at Hanford, Wash., were misinterpreted, the senator's aides reported here.

The senator was quoted as saying the Atomic Energy Commission has requested funds for the project. His office reported that the senator had expressed a conviction that an atomic reactor would be built at Hanford but had not meant to imply any money had been earmarked for one at Hanford.

"He merely expressed a personal conviction that an atomic reactor will be built at Hanford because he feels that is a logical location for it," reported Irving Hoff, Magnuson's administrative aide.

"No money has been set aside for the Hanford work, however."

FIRE DESTROYS PLANT

AIRSVILLE, Ore. — A fire visible for miles around destroyed the door plant of the Willamette Builders Supply Co. Thursday night at a loss the owner estimated at nearly \$200,000.

House Will Reconsider Bill Defeating City Income Taxes

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM (AP) — The Oregon House of Representatives decided Friday to reconsider the bill to prohibit cities from levying income taxes and to teach driver training in high schools.

The city income tax measure, defeated by a 30-30 tie vote Thursday afternoon, was ordered to meet Monday's calendar.

The driver training bill was beaten 27-23 three days ago. It was sent back to committee.

The House passed and sent to the Senate Friday a bill providing for operation of the new reformatory to be built 18 miles north of Salem.

The bill limits sentences in the institution, to be called the Oregon State Correctional Institution, to 10 years.

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one could find a way to destroy the bug that causes the disease that leads ambitious despots to GO TO WAR when they can't get what they want any other way?

That brings up another interesting little squib in the news: According to the latest estimates of the bureau of the census, the population of the United States on March 1 of this year was 164,397,000.

Our population is expected to exceed 200 MILLIONS by 1975.

How come?

Well, as we check the averages of disease, fewer people die. As—thanks to the flowering of the mechanical revolution—the future seems more secure, more babies are born. Families increase in size.

With more people being born and fewer people dying at an untimely age, it is inevitable that population will increase.

Is that good?

Or is it bad?

At the moment, I wouldn't know. I found it necessary to drive across the fabulous area that we call the city of Los Angeles the other day. It took nearly four hours.

It took so long for a simple and fundamental reason. In spite of all the huge freeways that are being built in that area, there just ISN'T ROOM ENOUGH for all the automobiles to get around.

So one spends more time waiting than he spends moving.

Why is Los Angeles so congested?

The answer to that one is quite simple. Everybody in the country has taken a notion to live in Southern California—OR ELSE. Los Angeles will go on growing until the time comes when there is no longer any more room to stand on.

That time isn't here—but it's getting closer.

As Los Angeles gets more congested and standing room gets scarcer, people are moving northward. The Bay Area is crawling with people. As the Bay Area gets still more congested, people will go on moving northward.

The era of the wide open spaces is drawing to its close.

What of the future?

Again I wouldn't know. But here's another interesting little item:

The United States has just added another new citizen. He is Dr. Wehrner von Braun, the 41-year-old German scientist WHO IS THE WORLD'S FOREMOST AUTHORITY ON SPACE TRAVEL. He was naturalized in Huntsville, Alabama, this week.

Maybe, as this globe we call The Earth gets more and more congested, he'll teach us how to move on to other planets.

Sen. George Gives Ike Backing On Matsui Stand

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Backing President Eisenhower, Sen. George (D-Ga.) said the cause of peace would not be advanced by any public announcement on whether the United States would defend Quemoy and Matsui.

And George, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, suggested the issue of whether those Chinese Nationalist off-shore islands should be defended has become a "football of politics."

The Democratic congressional leader's stand amounted to indirect criticism of such Republican senators as Knowland of California and Bridges of New Hampshire. Both GOP leaders have called for a declaration of the administration's intentions regarding Quemoy and Matsui.

Yoncalla Rodeo Plans For July 3-4 Under Way

Plans for the Yoncalla Rodeo, dated this year for July 3 and 4 are under way, with initial plans including a queen contest.

The girl must be a resident of Elkton, Yoncalla or Drain, and must be single. She will be judged on horsemanship and horse as well as her queenliness. Tryouts will be held at the Yoncalla rodeo grounds May 8 at 1 p.m. Girls must appear on horses which they plan to ride in the rodeo. George Roberts, Drain, and Charlie Applegate, Yoncalla, are in charge of registrations and the contest.

Committee heads include the names of Berry Turner and Art Ryehard, who will arrange the dance planned for July 2. Further details regarding the rodeo will be made as plans develop, a spokesman for the Yoncalla Saddle Club rodeo committee said.

DECLINES COMMENT

PORTLAND (AP) — Maj. Gen. Chester E. McCarty came home for a visit Thursday, but refused comment on reports that he might seek the Republican Party nomination for U. S. senator in 1956.

McCarty, commander of the 18th Air Force at Greenville, S. C., spoke at the Military Order of World Wars Thursday night. He also will attend the annual reunion of veterans of the Portland-based 403rd Wing Saturday night.

five years. Courts would give preference to men below the age of 28, and murderers, forcible rapists and bad security risks would not be admitted.

The emphasis will be on rehabilitation of youthful offenders.

The \$4,000,000 institution is on the \$14,904,658 building program which was submitted Friday to the Ways and Means Committee by its subcommittee on buildings.

Peiping Turns Wrath On Hong Kong Colony

TOKYO (AP) — Peiping Radio, still fuming over the loss of eight Red Chinese in an Air India plane that crashed into the South China Sea last Monday, Friday turned its wrath on Hong Kong.

The British Crown Colony was where the plane picked up the eight Chinese Communist delegates to the Asian-African conference at Bandung shortly before it went down off the coast of Borneo.

A broadcast heard here charged that "Hong Kong has become a center of U.S. - Chiang Kai-shek agents to create tension and international disputes."

Quoting an article in the Peiping Peoples Daily, official Communist organ, the radio demanded that British authorities in Hong Kong "arrest and punish the U.S. - Chiang Kai-shek saboteurs who caused the plane disaster."

The plane went down near Sarawak on a flight from Hong Kong to Indonesia. Communist China delegates to the Asian-African conference and Red newspapermen were aboard. Three of 19 survived.

Two More Big Timber Sales Slated For May

Two more big timber sales in May have been scheduled by the Umpqua National Forest.

On May 17, five million feet appraised at \$105,145, located along the South Umpqua River above Tiller near Deadman Creek, will be sold. The tract includes 3,000,000 board feet of Douglas fir appraised at \$14.90 a thousand and 1,200,000 feet of sugar and ponderosa pine appraised at \$45.45.

The next day, a tract containing 8,500,000 feet of timber appraised at \$130,000, will be sold. It's located in the headwaters of Little River in the Limpy Mt. area. The tract contains seven million feet of Douglas fir appraised at \$18.70 per thousand.

Both sales will begin at 2 p.m. in the supervisor's office in Roseburg.

HEADS NUT GROWERS

PORTLAND (AP) — W. N. Hayes, Newberg, will head the Independent Nut Growers of Oregon in the coming year.

He was elected at the group's annual meeting here this week along with Leo Goulson, Tigard, vice president; Howard Durdale, Cornelius, secretary; John Wilkins, Huber, and Samuel Peterson, Portland, executive committee; and William Stuhlfiere, McMinnville, membership committee head.

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