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A CIVIC DUTY

Charles V. Stanton

Roseburg voters will be asked next week to approve a utility bond issue in the amount of \$1,100,000 to finance a new sewage disposal plant and intercepting sewer lines. Bonds are to be retired by a monthly assessment against connected property.

This system of financing sanitary installations is in general use throughout Oregon. The charges proposed for Roseburg are no higher than are imposed in other cities, lower than some. It is quite possible that population growth will enable the city to reduce the service fee, in time, or that bonds can be retired in advance of the due date, the fees having been calculated on the existing population and number of outlets to be served.

The plan, however, is designed to take care of a large anticipated growth. The location chosen for the disposal plant will make it possible to extend the service to existing fringe areas, expected eventually to be consolidated with the city.

The project has been given long and careful study. It has been thoroughly engineered, insofar as preliminary stages are concerned. Consideration has been given anticipated growth, the expected direction of growth and future requirements.

Must Look To Future

No one can question the need for this improvement. Existing facilities are totally inadequate. Unless we act voluntarily to provide adequate facilities, we doubtless will soon be faced with legal demand by the State Sanitary Authority.

Roseburg was one of the first towns of its size in Oregon to install a sewage disposal plant. Our city government took advantage of WPA during depression days to provide the city with an excellent plant, one that has given little trouble, except for lack of capacity.

During those days there was no general expectation that Roseburg would ever need facilities larger than then provided. In fact, the city's population was declining. Only a few people had confidence in the timber resource. Anyone predicting a boom situation in future years became a subject for ridicule.

Within a very few years, however, the plant's capacity was overtaxed. It now is unable to handle the load and frequently must bypass untreated sewerage into the river.

We now know that Roseburg is destined to grow much larger. Utility engineers are making their plans for a city area with a population of between 35,000 and 40,000, while admitting those estimates to be conservative. Although some skeptics still scoff at the idea of continued growth, engineers, investment bankers, and others, who make studies of these things, are certain that population of the city area will more than double as we develop the potential of our resources.

If we are to meet the demands of that growth, we must have the facilities necessary to cope with it. And, while we will not be building at this time for a population load of that size, we will have an installation which can be expanded as need arises.

Project Is Urgent

There is urgent need for the projected sewer lines and disposal plant. A large part of the West Roseburg area, recently annexed to the city, is without sewer facilities. Septic tanks will not properly serve the homes crowded together in those new residential developments. Huerfano, also recently annexed, is in critical need. The rapidly growing residential section east of town presents a health hazard. But the need in these sections is no more pressing than that of the old part of town, where growth has rendered existing sanitary facilities inadequate.

Opposition is to be expected. Anything that costs money brings out opposition. No one likes the idea of having to pay a monthly service fee to build and operate sanitary facilities.

But, if we believe in progress and want progress, we must be willing to pay a reasonable price. If we want Roseburg to grow, then we must make provision for the health and convenience of those we desire as residents.

We will all admit, I am sure, that no city should be permitted to pollute the waters of the state. Roseburg was one of the first cities to take its pollution from the river. But now we are dumping in as much or more pollution than when our disposal plant was built, and at the same time, are faced with many health hazards in overcrowded areas not served by sewers. If we expect other cities to do their part in keeping our streams free of pollution, we should not fail in our own duty.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Curbstone reflections of a pavement Plato:

The world has always been a merry-go-round.

It still is.

Looking at the present merry-go-round, what do we find?

Let us go around the world, starting with the American.

The American doesn't feel the need of war. He is enjoying the highest level of individual and national prosperity ever achieved in the history of mankind. To defend that happiness, however, he feels at heart ready, willing and able to deal death to any quarter of the globe that threatens him. He hopes he'll never have to fight again—but he'll fight. And he'll fight on.

The English, following their modern pattern, concede in advance that their situation is hopeless militarily. They are reconciled to a fight in which they will never ever really give up.

The Frenchman, individual as ever, takes pride in his empire overseas but refuses to be drafted to defend it. As his hired soldiers from abroad dwindle, his empire will dwindle. Meanwhile, he'll claim a hold on the world's culture.

The German, having learned his lesson, is as always ready to fill the nearest gap of power, then fall to pondering whether, after all, he

couldn't really win a world—if he could fight in only one direction at a time.

The Russian is trying to do everything. He is trying to be, above all, militarily self-contained. He wants to keep a foot on Germany, build housing for his masses, create and maintain the world's largest war machine, and put Red China on the back at the same time he feels for a weak spot he may use later.

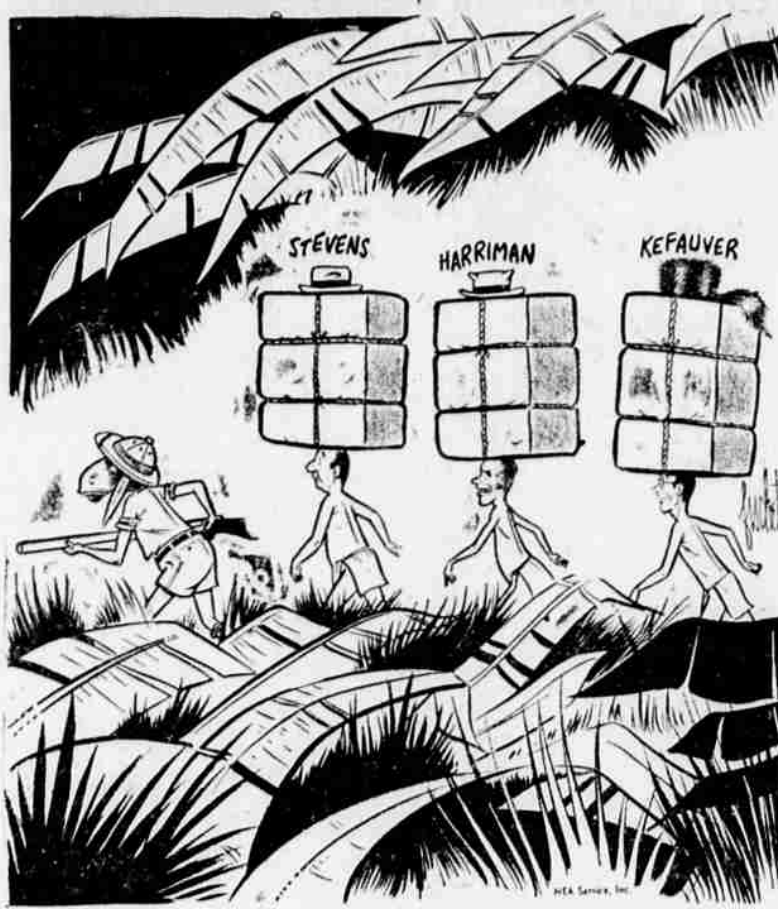
The Chinese are riding the peak of their way, in their land revolution climbs a fled throne, and reaches from yesterday toward today.

Crowded India yearns to be the fulcrum, the balance point between the East and West, but vast China holds out the crimson hand of bargaining.

Industrious, market-hungry Japan, bounding back fast, reaches toward China, meanwhile sells in America.

In America a vast war machine

The Great Elephant Hunt



Daily Bible Reading

Message By

Roseburg Ministerial

Association

TODAY'S TEXT

Matthew 6:16-34

Undoubtedly all men are concerned about the essential things of life such as food, clothing, shelter, success, etc. In this Scripture portion Jesus does not endeavor to condemn or make light of such things. He merely desires that we put our quest of them in the proper place of living. He evidences this in the key verse of the passage, verse 33. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God." The things first and foremost in life are to be heavenly things, spiritual things. Godly things. While this may seem as a command to leave the things of this world, yet with the fulfillment of the command comes great reward. "All these things shall be added unto you." One might note that Jesus said, "all" which implies nothing left out of life. He also said "shall" which suggests the absolute assurance of having the essential things of living. The beauty of the whole passage is that every need that is presented in the course of everyday living shall be provided by His divine hand.

REV. ARTHUR HOENISCH, Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

Stassen, Adlai Exchange Jibes At Long Range

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Adlai Stevenson and Harold Stassen traded jibes at long range Tuesday following Stassen's challenge to the Democratic presidential aspirant to debate the farm issue.

Advised here that Stevenson had declined to accept his offer, Stassen declared his challenge still stands.

To Stevenson's remark that it was "like old times having Mr. Stassen running again," the disarmament chief answered:

Mr. Stevenson's typical facetious and evasive reply would be a big hit on the vaudeville circuit, but it contributes nothing to the constructive solution of the agricultural problems under conditions of peace.

"I am not running again, but he is. I do intend to do everything honorable to see to it that he loses—again—in my home state of Minnesota."

Stassen made the offer Monday night in a speech before the Minnesota Farm Bureau federation, at Gainesville, Fla., where he is on a hand-shaking tour. Stevenson turned Stassen down.

Western Oregon Box Car Shortage Ends, Says PUC

SALEM (AP) — The box car shortage emergency on Southern Pacific lines in Western Oregon was officially ended Tuesday. Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Helzel canceled his order of last June 1 which declared the emergency and ordered rationing of cars.

Helzel said the car supply now is "reasonably adequate." The SP now is able to fill all orders for cars in the western part of the state.

A few weeks ago, lumber shippers of the region were able to get only 37 per cent of the cars they ordered, but improvement was steady after that.

is maintained and eternally re-fueled, and new atomic power reactors are steadily built.

Everywhere in the world people are building in hopes of peace and weaning about war.

This is the merry-go-round. So it has usually been before. So it will probably be as long as one people or one country fears another.

Bulganin, Khrushchev Get Tumultuous Indian Welcome

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — The most tumultuous welcome of their entire Indian tour greeted Soviet Premier Bulganin and Communist Party chief Khrushchev Tuesday when they arrived in Calcutta.

More than one million persons turned out to cheer the Soviet leaders at the airport and on their drive into the city—then jammed so tightly around the governor's residence where they are staying that Bulganin and Khrushchev found themselves prisoners of their admirers.

The afternoon program for the Soviet visitors had to be canceled because no one could enter or leave the governor's house. Not even trucks carrying the Soviet Party's baggage could approach the gates.

The crowds were so dense and uncontrollable they blocked the route to the city of which Bulganin and Khrushchev were to drive in an open car. They had to

be transferred to a police car and brought into Calcutta by side roads. Even the police car was unable to penetrate the almost hysterical throngs at several points and a special detachment of security police had to fight to make passages to side streets.

Most of the official party, both the Russians and the Indian escorts of the tour, were trapped by the crowds at the airport and were three hours in reaching their hotels.

Other travelers were unable to reach the airport and many planes were delayed or left Calcutta without passengers.

Calcutta, India's largest city, long has been its most explosive. Prime Minister Nehru will appear with the Soviet guests at an official reception Wednesday.

Those in charge expect at least 2½ million to attend. The visitors are to remain here two days.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA) — In addition to a new farm policy that will satisfy discontented farmers, the Republican party today could use a new labor policy statement that would make more of an appeal to the rank and file of American workers.

Recent statements by two Republican senators could have the effect of kicking the union labor vote out the window.

First Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) charged that AFL and CIO union squalls were collecting huge slush funds from compulsory union assessments, to take over the Democratic party.

Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) topped this in a speech at Miami. He charged that labor leaders hoped to take over control of the U.S. government itself, through a labor party, by 1960 if not 1956.

Responsible leaders of the Republican party view this latest development with considerable alarm.

THEY REALIZE that national elections have to be won by a lot of minorities voting together to make a majority. A sizeable percentage of the farm vote is ready for defection to the Democrats. It is recognized that the Republicans cannot afford to alienate the union labor vote too.

Several surveys have indicated they can get only 30 to 40 per cent of the union membership vote.

It is pointed out that the two senators were speaking their own opinions.

But here the party leaders face a predicament. They have no clear

statement of party policy to hold up as a repudiation to those who would like to declare all-out war on labor unions.

Middle-of-the-road Republicans think they have several good points to make in an appeal to the labor unions under the Republicans.

WAGE RAISES WON by the labor unions under the Republicans have been real increases in earning power and take-home pay. The Republicans argue that the increases of 1941-52 under the Democrats were largely compensation for increases in the cost of living.

Under the GOP, the cost of living has been held steady. They point to greater peace-time prosperity than the country has ever had, and fewer and shorter strikes.

The Republican trouble is that they can't get this story in the papers or on the air. Vice President Richard M. Nixon and other party spokesmen have put this line in numerous speeches. It never gets beyond their immediate audiences.

This is why a revision of Republican labor policy statements is being called for.

What this new statement should say has the party leaders baffled. THE QUESTION WAS CONSIDERED at the Republican campaign school for GOP state chairmen, in Washington last September. The organization of state and local Republican Rank and File Labor Committees was suggested.

Extreme positions have to be rejected. Political realists don't hold with the theory that American working people always vote independent, and there is no such thing as a labor vote. At the opposite pole, there is little support for the idea labor is going to take over the government.

From the big labor bosses like George Meany and Walter Reuther the Republicans realize that they will never get a break. The labor press is likewise consistently and persistently anti-Republican.

It is this partnership that gives the extreme rightwingers in the Republican party much of their impetus. It makes the shaping of a middle-of-the-road labor policy all the more difficult for the GOP.

Lensburg New President Of Oregon State CIO

PORTLAND (AP) — Francis R. Lensburg of Portland is the newly elected president of the Oregon state CIO.

He defeated the incumbent, James Bell, also Portland, in a mail ballot whose results were announced late Monday. Lensburg is a member of the International Woodworkers and Bell of the clothing workers.

Kenneth Thorstad, steelworkers, Portland, was elected vice president. George Brown, executive secretary, was returned without opposition.

FPC Asked To Deny Public Power Group Intervention

SPOKANE (AP) — The Federal Power Commission has been asked to deny intervention petitions filed by public power groups opposing a Pacific Northwest Power Co. plan to build hydroelectric dams on the Snake River, officials of the privately operated utility said here.

FNP president Kinsey Robinson said the company, an organization of four Northwest private utilities, would "strongly oppose any effort to stop construction of a major power project designed to help relieve critical area power shortages."

The intervention petitions were filed by the Northwest Public Power and National Hells Canyon Assns., and by the Oregon, Montana and National Farmers' Union, after Pacific Northwest Power applied for a license to build the \$210,000,000 project at Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley on the Snake.

FNP attorneys, in asking the FPC to deny the public power groups the right to intervene, contended Northwest Public Power and the Hells Canyon Assns., "failed to qualify as intervenors under the Federal Power Act and the rules of the commission."

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wheat and cotton, that they DIDN'T produce.

The Tribune's article tells of other details to cut farm output and at the same time encourage soil conservation. It says that under the plan farmers might enter the program and still use such land (that is, land devoted to cover crop conservation of soil fertility) to pasture livestock.

But, it adds, this acreage would have to be in ADDITION to acreage NORMALLY planted to cover crops or left to lie fallow as a soil conservation device. Presumably that means that if a farmer wants to pasture livestock on the acres he gets paid for planting to soil conservation cover he must CONTINUE to put out to cover crops or leave fallow as large a percentage of his remaining acreage as he has NORMALLY done in the past.

In the first year of operation of the new plan, the Tribune article says, the aim would be to persuade 32,000 farmers to take more than 16 million acres out of production.

On such a sketchy outline, it is difficult to form an accurate opinion as to just how well such a plan would work. But this much, at least, can be said with a certain amount of confidence:

IF it resulted in taking out of production some 16 million acres of land now devoted to production of SURPLUS crops that presently are being piled up in storage that costs a lot of money and hangs like a dark thundercloud over the markets of the future—

And—

IF its cost was only 100 million dollars annually for the next 15 years, which is mere vest pocket change in these days of fabulous subsidies to hire people to do that which is only good common sense, anyway—

It would be BETTER than the present system which amounts to "subsidizing" continued heavy overproduction of certain farm crops of which there is already a huge and burdensome surplus.

Knowland Gives Formula To End Threat Of War

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Sen. Knowland (R-Calif.) suggested Tuesday that if the Russians "really fear aggression from a unified Germany or a free world, the Western powers could agree to the guarantee of the pre-World War II Soviet frontiers—and no more."

But first, the Senate Republican leader declared, Russian forces should be withdrawn from the satellite states of Eastern Europe.

Knowland dealt extensively with the issues of the cold war in the address prepared for an afternoon convocation at the University of Alaska. The senator was to receive an honorary degree of doctor of laws.

His audience included delegates to the statehood constitutional convention for this one-time Russian territory. He pledged strong support for statehood for both Alaska and Hawaii.

He charged that "Molotov sabotaged the Geneva spirit which had been envisioned by the Western leaders. He did it coldly and after deliberation with the Kremlin hierarchy."

The senator declared that "the Soviet version of the Geneva spirit has shown up as counterfeit," that all the former causes of international tension still exist and "some new ones have been added," that "peace with honor means there will be no Munich appeasement whereby the freedom and sovereignty of small nations are traded for false promises of 'peace in our time'" and that he doubts the justification for the proposed "package deal" for admitting 18 new Communist and democratic members to the United Nations.

Polio Rate Was Higher In Areas Not Inoculated

SEATTLE (AP) — A survey showed Tuesday that the polio rate in the eight Washington counties that didn't give mass inoculations of Salk anti-polio vaccine was nearly twice as high as in those that did.

In the 5-to-9 age group the comparison was even more favorable to use of the vaccine—nearly three times as many cases in the non-vaccinating counties.

The State Health Department, which is using increased use of the vaccine, reported the comparative figures.

PROPOSE BOND ISSUE

EUGENE (AP) — Residents of the River Road Park and Recreation District, immediately north of Eugene, will vote Dec. 15 on a proposal to borrow \$200,000 to build a swimming pool and a recreation building.

The park and recreation district is less than a year old. The pool and the building would be located on a site the district has.

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