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DANGEROUS VIRUS

Charles V. Stanton

"Roseburg has always been a stuffy little place, it needs ventilation from seaward."

That is a quotation from W. M. (Bill) Tugman's editorial column in the last edition of the *Port Umpqua Courier*, published at Reedsport.

Tugman says that "a lot of people here in the Port of Umpqua area are not very happy about our relations with the rest of Douglas County." He adds that the word "secession" has been "heard down this way from time to time, and it is not a pleasant word." He concludes, however, that "the horrible fact is that if we were to secede we would not be any better off making a second marriage with either Coos or Lane."

No sir, weaving home over the curves of Highway 225 (and the state highway survey crews are laying out the next 3-mile construction job west from Tye junction) we were reminded that all history and geography and topography protests against severance from Douglas County because—God made the Umpqua River the gateway from a vast empire to the sea!

Next time we see Charley Stanton we are going to propose to ANNEX the rest of Douglas County to the Port of Umpqua!

Coast Virus Contagious

A highly contagious virus seems to be affecting newspaper publishers in the coastal area.

In Coos Bay, a near neighbor to Reedsport, Publisher Sheldon Sackett started talking about annexing North Bend. He accompanied his announcement with an attack on North Bend's city government, hinting at widespread corruption, and promising to loose his "hound dogs" to ferret out the allegedly felonious conduct of officials in the adjoining municipality. North Bend residents promptly contributed "Sox for Sackett," to provide the scent for the hounds. The campaign has continued with much vigor, as the Coos Bay publisher has tried to bring the Governor, Attorney General and others into the "clean-up" promised by *The Times*.

It seems the virus of first insulting your neighbors and then striving to bring them into an annexation program has fastened its talons on Tugman. He wants to annex Douglas County, but opens his campaign with insults.

I sincerely hope my good friend Bill quickly recovers. I hope the "bug" doesn't hit him as hard as it did Sackett.

Tugman's gripe seems to be that the Lower Umpqua country is ignored.

He says:

It is high time the self-satisfied rest of Douglas County realize that Western Douglas should be INVITED and SUPPORTED to have representation in our county government and the legislature.

Stand Up And Fight!

Of course, we must take into consideration that Bill moved from Eugene to Reedsport only a few months ago. He has been producing a swell newspaper and, so he tells me, is in love with the Lower Umpqua country and its people.

But Bill should realize that while Reedsport isn't the biggest spot in Oregon, it's one of the best; that, with the possible exception of Drain, it has more civic enterprise per square inch than any town in the county—at least that's my observation. He should realize, too, that Reedsport is now fully adult, that it doesn't have to be spoon-fed on pabulum, but can eat raw meat. Also, it's big enough to stand up and fight for what it wants.

If Reedsport wants representation on the county court or in the legislature, then let Reedsport put up candidates for those offices, and let the candidates get out and campaign the same as aspirants from any other part of the county. I'm sure that Douglas County people will give them equal consideration.

And now, Bill, a word of advice. Do something about that virus, that *Coosbay Sackettitis*. Get a bottle of Perunin, or Hadaol, or a bottle!

You have my consent to annex Douglas County. I don't care whether Douglas County is annexed by Reedsport (and by Reedsport I mean the whole Lower Umpqua country) Glendale, Drain or Roseburg, just so we keep it Douglas County and the Umpqua Basin.

And, Bill, let's not get into name-calling and finger-pointing. We have a bunch of hungry wolf packs howling at us from all the surrounding hillsides. If we don't keep our defensive circle tight, we're apt to be devoured.

But just what do you mean by "stuffy"?

Are you referring to the fact that Roseburg has the lowest wind velocity in the United States?

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Gil McDougald, the distinguished young New York Yankee infielder, has returned from a goodwill baseball safari to Japan in top condition except for a bad case of writer's cramp.

"Everybody in Japan is baseball-crazy—from kids to old men," he marvels. "They play it day and night all the year round. And every fan seems to be an autograph collector."

The Yankees, who dropped the 1955 World Series to the Brooklyn Dodgers, did considerably better against Japanese ball clubs. They won all but one of their 28 games and that ended in a 1-1 tie, called after the 10th inning on account of darkness.

"I never saw fans so polite," observed Gil. "They never booed us a single time."

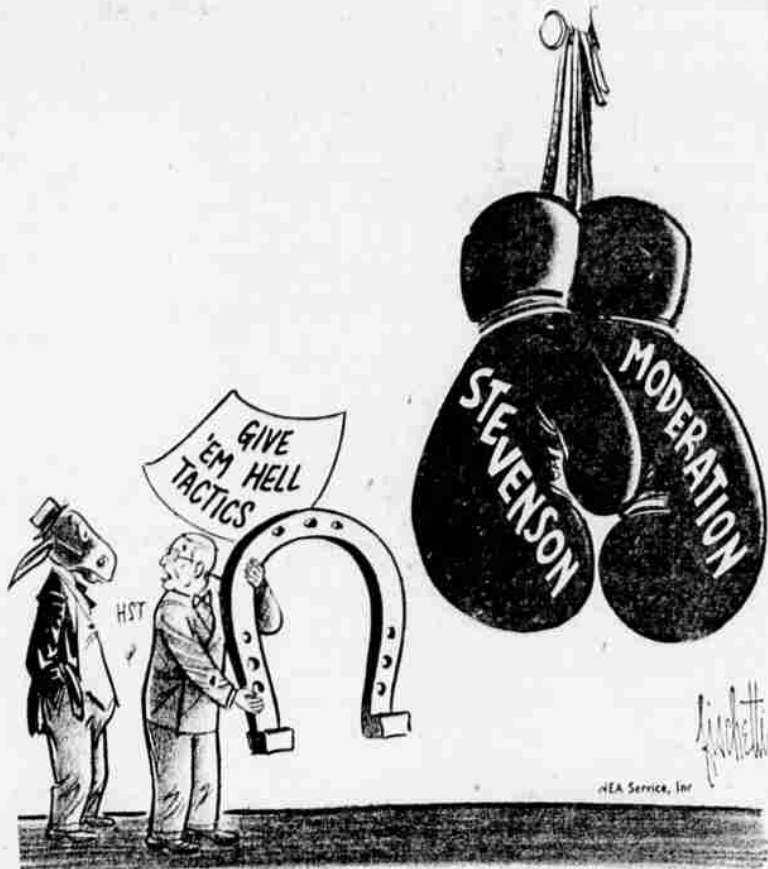
The stands were completely quiet—almost like a morgue—until the Japanese team started a rally or a Yankee hit a home run. Then they'd go wild."

The Yankees found the national pastime of Japan essentially the same as the American national pastime except the Japanese play on an all-dirt field and use a slightly lighter and smaller ball.

"You can't knock it as far," admitted McDougald.

The 6-foot-plus lanky Yankee star up balls for another 15 minutes.

"Let's Put It in His Glove—For Luck!"



Daily Bible Reading

Message By
Roseburg Ministerial Association

TODAY'S TEXT

Matthew: Ch. 7

The seventh chapter of Matthew might be called the "road" to unshakable character and direction to travelers on that road. Paraphrased in meanings for today:

Verses 1-5. "Take the log from your own eye before looking for the splinter in another's eye."

Verses 6-7. "Don't put your Sunday dinner in the pig trough."

Verses 12-13. "Find God's help which is available all along the way."

Verses 13-14. "Follow the white line of self-discipline closely."

Verses 15-23. "Disregard all crudely leaved signs of promised shortcuts to character, for they lead to dead ends."

Verses 24-27. "Only You Can Decide!"

Verses 28. "This is official!"
By authority of
Jesus of Nazareth
Rev. Ellsworth Tilton,
First Methodist Church

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA)—How much good it did to bring the seven Russian journalists to the United States for a grand, transcontinental tour is going to remain something of a mystery. They are a pretty inscrutable bunch.

After their arrival in Washington at the end of their tour, there was one uncheduled and unofficial event where the Russians might have let their hair down. But they didn't reveal a thing.

The group had been taken to see Mount Vernon, Frank Kluckhohn—the U.S. newsman who conducted the tour for the State Department—suggested they stop in for a visit with one of his friends, John R. Adams.

A former newspaper, wire service, magazine and radio correspondent, Adams lives across the Potomac in Alexandria, Va., in one of the first all-steel, prefabricated houses built in the Washington area.

Adams is also a champion pistol and rifle shot. He won the 50-meter prone competition in the 1952 Olympics at Helsinki. He has an extensive collection of trophies and guns in his home. This includes a Russian-made rifle taken from the Hukablah rebels in the Philippines—on which the Russians had no comment.

But they liked this informal call. They were interested in everything. How much the house cost, how it was paid for by savings bonds cashed in when the war was over. How the Adams' three-day-a-week maid, married to a chauffeur, is building an even bigger house of brick.

Kluckhohn told the Russians that Adams could shoot out a burning cigarette, held in a smoker's mouth. Boris Izakov, of the Russians, immediately lit up a cigarette and asked for a demonstration.

They couldn't have that right in town. But Adams took them a few miles away where they could do a little shooting.

Being out of practice Adams merely mimed and knocked over the cigarette on his first two shots. On the third he clipped it in two.

Then to show the Russians he wasn't fooling, he took a calling card and stuck it in the bark of a tree edgewise. Facing the edge, he cut the card in two on his first shot.

They all went back to the Adams' house for the rest of the afternoon and over a bottle of Scotch everyone relaxed.

Here was the Russians' chance. I suppose he does it to save face in front of the crowd. Anyway, nobody booed him.

Forest Service Has Begun Mop Up Against Scattered Outposts Held By Miners

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON—The Forest Service is starting a mop-up operation against thousands of scattered outposts held by pseudo-miners who have staked bogus mining claims in the national forests and tied up billions of board feet of federal timber.

Federal foresters are armed with a new weapon—a law enacted by Congress this past summer designed to stop timber grabs by those who have abused the opportunities afforded by the mining act of 1872.

Both the mining industry and conservation groups are backing the campaign of the government foresters. Representatives of both groups helped draft the new law. Under the old mining act, anyone could stake a claim on public lands, erect "No Trespassing" signs, and virtually isolate a newly acquired preserve from the rest of the world. He could build a summer cabin on the site, or as some have done, establish a commercial resort or sell building lots—all on the pretext of trying to develop a paying mining operation. When these claims were staked

in national forests, they disrupted the Forest Service pattern of timber management. For foresters couldn't legally "trespass" on the claim. Under the new law, the "No Trespassing" signs come down. The government has the right to cut timber, build access roads, permit grazing, hunting, fishing or camping on the claim—so long as these don't interfere with the miner's operation. The claimant, in turn, on one what timber he requires for his mining venture.

Under the old law, mining claims could be staked on a discovery of common stone or cinders. This allowed, for example, a group of University of Oregon students to file claims on all the quarry rock they could find within an 8-mile radius of the Cougar dam project on the south fork of Oregon's McKenzie River. They figured to sell the rock back to the government when it needed to build the dam, thereby realizing a fat profit.

Under the new law, stone, cinders, sand, pumice or pumice no longer qualify as minerals. They are regarded now as materials which can be bought from the government, either at a government-set appraised price or by competitive bid.

Under the old law, mining claimants could not consent to their claims if they showed by assays that there was sufficient mineralization to permit a prudent operator to make a paying proposition of his mining venture. With patent, he gained all surface rights that any land owner enjoys—including ownership of the timber.

Under the new law, there is no change in this aspect of the mining act. The changes wrought by the new law, in a word, don't reduce the opportunities afforded the miner who can prove he has a discovery of commercial proportions; but it strikes at the person who has no intention of developing a mine, yet is using the mining law to gain use of federal property for other valuable purposes.

Before the new law was enacted, the Forest Service reported that "the number of claims is now ballooning so fast that the situation on the national forests is rapidly getting out of hand." It estimated that 10 billion board feet of timber was tied up, having a stumpage value of \$112 million. Estimates were that 215,000 acres of Oregon timberland were tied up by 6700 claims.

The new law is not retroactive, of course, so that any claims filed prior to the date of enactment, July 25, 1955, are subject to the old mining law. But the Forest Service mop-up operation will be to contest the legality of these old claims, and eventually to wipe out all that are not legitimate mining ventures.

(NEXT—How the mop-up operation is to be conducted.)

Klamath Indians' Assets Appraisal Bids Are Called

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—Bids for the appraisal of the assets, resources and liabilities of the Klamath Indian reservation were opened Wednesday morning by the board of management specialists appointed to supervise the termination of the reservation.

No low bidder was determined because many of the bid items were submitted on the basis of acreage. A tabulation of the total value of each bid will require an approximation of the acreage of the various types of land. Members of the three-man board indicated that they hoped to have the tabulation completed before the first of the year.

Four bids were submitted. The bidders were Airways Engineering Co., of Washington, D. C.; Western Timber Services, of Portland, Ore.; and the U. S. Appraisal Co., of Portland.

The successful bidder will appraise and inventory all grazing, timber, farming, and other assets of the tribe. He will also prepare a series of resource maps of the reservation.

In The Day's News

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soundly conceived and so admirably tailored to America's best interests that no American has ever thought of questioning its wisdom. That's the way foreign policy should be.

Speaking of foreign policy, Krushchev and Bulganin are busily wooing India these days. Our old friend informed Sources—without whom we would miss a lot of what is going on—says that under the Russian pattern that seems to be emerging India will PAY THE BILL for whatever she gets from the communists.

"I.S." says that any Russian machinery that comes to India will be a SALE on CREDIT. He adds that there will be NO GIFTS.

I hate to admit it, but I can't help thinking that is a sounder policy than ours. Nobody was ever helped much by GIVING him something for free. More people have been ruined by loading them with gifts than have ever been helped by that method.

What you WORK FOR AND EARN is what does you REAL good.

The White House conference on education is just getting under way in Washington, and the dispatches tell us that the nearly 2,000 delegates are turning to the first of six big issues that face them. Topic No. 1 is:

"What should our schools accomplish?"

I'd like to suggest two simple answers:

1. They should provide our children with a GOOD education, without too many frills.
2. They should teach our children to THINK.

In a sound-filmed (talking movie) message to the conference, President Eisenhower asserts that the federal government will have to step in, if necessary, to prevent a lack of schools in certain important areas.

But—
If we depend TOO MUCH on the federal government, we will lose independence and initiative.

With Ike's second statement I'm in full agreement. If we depend too much on the federal government to finance our schools, we'll soon find the federal government RUNNING our schools.

As to his first statement—that the federal government will have to step in, if necessary, to prevent a lack of schools in certain important areas—I'm extremely doubtful.

If the federal government camel ever gets its nose under the edge of the school tent, we'll be in trouble. We'd better grit our teeth and pay our own school bills.

Wholesale Food Prices Have Reached Low Point

NEW YORK (AP)—Wholesale food prices as measured by the Dun & Bradstreet index reached the lowest point this week since just before the start of the Korean War. The index dipped to 55.99 from 56.02 a week ago and 56.85 a year ago. It was the lowest figure since June 29, 1950, when the index was at 55.96.

The index represents the total cost at wholesale of one pound each of 31 foods in general use. Lower at wholesale this week were flour, rye, oats, bellies, lard, eggs, cottonseed oil, potatoes and lamb. Higher were wheat, corn, hams, coffee, steers and hogs.

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Newspaper Ads Smash Records

NEW YORK (AP)—Newspaper advertising smashed more records in October, with a gain of 11.5 per cent over October, 1954. Media Records, Inc., and the Bureau of Advertising, American Newspaper Publishers Assn., reported Wednesday.

From another source, there was a forecast of a continued boom in all types of advertising next year. The editors of *Printers' Ink* predicted that total advertising volume in 1956 by all media will reach between 9 and 9 1/2 billion dollars, compared with the record 8 1/2 billion estimated for this year.

Total advertising in newspapers for the year to date surpassed the comparable period of 1954 by 10.4 per cent, according to the Bureau of Advertising and Media Records.

National advertising also set a new high for any October, up 18.8 per cent over a year ago, which brought the 10-month cumulative figure to a new peak, 12.5 per cent over the comparable period last year.

Other October comparisons for newspaper lineages—retail up 5.2 per cent; department stores up 3.4 per cent; classified up 20.5 per cent and financial up 15.7 per cent.



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