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THAT'S OUR S. P.

By Charles V. Stanton

Reporting editorially in the *Herald and News*, Klamath Falls, Bill Jenkins calls attention to the fact that the Southern Pacific company has started work on a four-year project which will see a 13-mile fill put across Great Salt Lake to provide a dry land roadbed for future train travel. The railroad now crosses the lake on a trestle.

Bill adds:

That is quite an undertaking and will require the use, by Morrison-Knudsen, of a fleet of specially built equipment. It will also cost in the neighborhood of 49 million dollars.

Viewed in the light that the total cost less than two million will be spent on track and signal equipment, it makes it look like a pretty fair undertaking. It will be done by scooping out a huge ditch in the lake bottom mud on a line parallel to and 1500 feet north of the present trestle, and then filling this in with dirt and rock until it is 17 feet above the surface. Since the bottom of the ditch will be 60 feet under water it's going to take a lot of filling.

Plus the fact that the whole thing has to be covered with heavy rock rip-rap to offset the pounding by waves that reach a height of eight feet during a storm on the big (2000 square mile) lake.

The sort of a job that makes one pause and wonder at the marvels wrought by man in this modern age.

Yes, folks, that's our "Friendly" Southern Pacific!

It can afford to dump 47 million dollars worth of dirt into Great Salt Lake, but can't buy six diesel coaches to give southern Oregon a semblance of passenger service.

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS

While I was absent from the office, I read in a California paper that "Chuck" Duncan, had been named dean of the School of Journalism at the University of Oregon. Of course, I should have said Professor Charles Duncan, but to those of us who know him so well—and so favorably—he'll always be "Chuck."

For the past several months, since the resignation of Dean Gordon Sabine, "Chuck" has been serving as acting dean, and doing an excellent job of it.

Prior to his advancement to acting dean, he had served as an instructor in the school.

There is a close affinity between the newspaper profession in Oregon and the School of Journalism.

It was not always thus.

The teaching of journalism in universities had a cold reception at the hands of publishers in earlier days. A publisher believed the way to train a reporter was to find an intelligent young man and then pass on to him, through a rigorous program of lectures, work experience, trial and error, the knowledge of the mentor. The newspaper profession, it was contended, could be learned only by experience. And, it is true, some brilliant editors emerged from the old "School of Hard Knocks."

But when publishers began seeing the qualities of students turned out by such inspired leaders as Dean Eric Allen, they began to revise their opinions about "book learnin'" and the graduate journalist began to find doors opening for him, instead of having them slammed in his face.

The University of Oregon School of Journalism has developed hundreds of competent journalists, thoroughly tutored in the fundamentals of the profession and conscious of the ethical conduct demanded of them. This has been accomplished through deans and instructors who served, both professionally and personally, as inspirations to their students. The list of such men is long.

Dean Duncan has his job cut out for him in matching the footsteps of illustrious predecessors, but he is the kind of a man who will, I believe, measure up fully to the challenge.

Belatedly I extend my congratulations to Dean Duncan and to the University of Oregon.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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they hate worst are Britain and France.

In the centuries of the past, Britain and France have been in the colonizing business up to their ears. The results that they are cordially hated by the colonized peoples.

Here is where we come in: Ever since World War I, we have been allies of the British and the French.

So — We are HATED along with the British and the French.

So much for the past. Now for the present. Something NEW is being added.

The British want to get tough in the Middle East. The French have been getting tough in Africa for quite a while.

Here's the NEW part: We don't seem to be going along with this policy of toughness. As a result, British newspapers are expressing alarm at what they call the INCREASING DIVISION between the Middle East policies of the United States and Britain.

The French have been peeved with us for some time because we haven't been too cooperative in their "get tough" policies toward the natives of North Africa.

I don't know whether or not there is a division between us and the British and the French in our Middle East policies.

But — Every American knows that for a long time we have been in an awkward position in Asia (of which the Middle East is a part) and Africa because of our alliance with the British and the French.

That is to say: Our friends and our buddies are the COLONIZING nations — Britain and France particularly.

Asia, Africa and the Middle East are poison to the colonizing nations. They're tired of being bossed. They want to run their own affairs. They cherish an old and deep hatred for the colonizing nations that haven't permitted them to run their own affairs.

Our natural sympathies are with the colonized peoples. We were the first people in the world to throw off the colonial yoke and step out for ourselves. In our hearts, WE BELIEVE IN THROWING OFF COLONIAL YOKES.

But, since World War I, we have been tangled up in alliances with the colonizers. So, all the time, we've had to go along with policies we don't believe in. That has been awkward for us.

Maybe this is the time for us to BREAK with the colonizers and stand up for our conviction that colonizing is morally wrong and that people throughout the world ought to be permitted to run their own affairs.

State Orchestra Program To Be Aired On KYES

A recording of the all-state high school orchestra program presented at the OEA convention in Portland March 14-16 will be aired over Roseburg radio station KYES Tuesday.

The hour-long show will start at 6 p.m. A total of 125 young musicians participated. Two were from Roseburg. They are violinists Stephanie Briggs and Dick Gilbert.

PLAY SLATED

The junior class play "Here Comes the Groom" a comedy, will be presented April 13 at 8 p.m. in the Elkhorn High School gym.

The following students are in the cast: Jim Carnes, Rick Johnson, Betty Madison, Janet Monner, Doris Moore, Garry Moore, Clifford Otto, Ralph Sheffield, Pat Smith and Beth Soderbeck.

Polio Vaccine Advisory Group To Study Results

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Advisory Committee on Poliomyelitis Vaccine will meet here April 18 to review the voluntary control program as the new "disease year" gets under way.

The committee was organized last May to advise the secretary of Welfare on methods for orderly and equitable distribution of the Salk vaccine.

Its members include physicians, public health officials, representatives of the pharmaceutical and drug industries and of the two national organizations of parents and teachers.

A breakdown of the 1,072 polio cases reported by the states this year up through March 31 showed that California has had more than one-third of the total, or 365 cases. During the similar 1955 period ending April 2 California listed 203 of the total of 1,062.

Texas came next, with 172 cases this year and 105 a year ago. New York had 54, compared with 75; and Florida 37 compared with 118. Louisiana had 31, compared with 28; Arizona 20 and 5; and Oregon 27 and 21. No other state had as many as 25 cases in the first 1956 quarter.

The figures for the first three months of 1956 for the other states compared with those of a year ago through April 2, included: Idaho 9 and 8; Washington 21 and 23.

Reapportionment Issue Now Partly Solved In Oregon

SALEM (AP)—The people of Oregon, who can amend their constitution by majority approval of an initiative measure, found a way for reapportionment of the Legislature.

They voted, 357,550 to 194,282, in 1952 for a constitutional amendment to require the legislature to reapportion both houses after every federal census.

If the Legislature won't do it, then the secretary of State is ordered to do it. And if he doesn't do it, then the state Supreme Court must reapportion the Legislature.

This measure replaced a provision that required the Legislature to reapportion itself. The Legislature had not had a reapportionment for 42 years before the new amendment was adopted.

While the new amendment set up new machinery for reapportionment, it also provided for reapportionment now. So the 1955 Legislature was apportioned according to population.

Reapportionment still is a major issue in Oregon.

Some farm groups, with support in sparsely settled Eastern Oregon, are distributing a new initiative. It would keep the House apportioned on a population basis, but would provide that the Senate consist of one senator from each of the 36 counties.

If the sponsors get 40,000 signatures of registered voters, this new measure would be on the general election ballot next November.

Columbia River Flood Threat Warning Issued

PORTLAND (AP)—The Columbia River flood threat is greater than ever because of heavy March snows. R. A. Work of the federal Soil Conservation Service warned today.

Flood crest forecasts are not available yet, however. They will come in a few days from the Weather Bureau's River Forecast Center, which is still working on its data.

Work said the Columbia Basin as a whole has the heaviest snowpack recorded since the British Columbia Water Rights Branch and the U.S. Soil Conservation Service expanded the snow survey network in 1936.

He said that in mid-March, low altitude snow melt began with some flooding of very low elevation small streams. But before much water could be carried away, cold weather set in again.

The unusually high seasonal flow volume of water forecast by the Soil Conservation Service on March 1 has been slightly increased.

"Adverse climatic conditions during the snowmelt period would produce extremely damaging flow volumes at many points of the Columbia Basin. Orderly snow melt and scanty precipitation for the remainder of April would somewhat ease the high water potential," the report said.

Freight Car Supply Better Than Expected

SALEM (AP)—Oregon's freight car supply is much better than expected, Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Helzel said Friday.

Helzel had predicted that the annual freight car shortage would begin in April, and last well into next fall.

However, the number of freight cars available to lumber shippers who usually suffer the most from car shortages remains plentiful.

He said the Southern Pacific Railroad has brought plenty of cars to Oregon this spring. Another factor is that lumber loadings are running behind last year because of bad weather.

He said it now looks as if the shortage might not begin for another month or two.

Gov. Elmo Smith soon will appoint a new emergency transportation committee to study the shortage. This committee will be drawn from the ranks of shippers.

PORTLAND HAS FIRE

PORTLAND (AP)—A spectacular three-alarm fire destroyed what was left of the old Multnomah Lumber and Box Sales Co., on the Willamette River front here Thursday.

Reader Opinions

'Vote Of Confidence' Is Issue, Reader States

ROSEBURG — (To The Editor)

In your editorial of April 4, entitled "The School Problem," you stated that only a few opposition voters ever attempted to get information on the budget and doubted if many had studied the published budget. Now, if these people be guilty of negligence, then you are fully as negligent because it seems you aren't fully cognizant of the facts either, and apparently haven't bothered to look them up.

You have taken sides with the chairman of the budget board, Sid Moon, in suggesting that the action of the board on March 20 to re-submit the proposed budget was not meant to be a "vote of confidence." This I do not understand as neither you nor Chairman Moon were present at that meeting.

Being vice-chairman, I presided in the absence of Mr. Moon. During the discussion prior to the passage of the motion to re-submit the proposed budget, it was clearly brought out that it should be a "vote of confidence."

The vote was called and passed by a vote of five to one, after which, and I quote from the minutes, "Bob Bashford requested that it be recorded that his 'yes' vote was cast with the understanding that the vote on the budget is to be a test of the confidence of the people in the present educational program." There was absolutely no objection voiced to Mr. Bashford's request either before or after the vote.

Now, Mr. Editor, if you had taken the time to look at the minutes of the meeting before you printed your editorial, you might not have made this mistake—or better yet, you might read your own News-Review of March 21, it's all there.

Ray E. Doerner
Budget Board Member
Roseburg, Ore.

Reader Makes Comments On News-Review Editorial

ROSEBURG — (To The Editor) — Regarding your editorial of April 4, 1956, concerning the past and future school budget elections, I have the following comments to make.

It appears from your editorial that the budget board of School District No. 4 frantically is backing water from what, I for one understand, is the confident friendship of the people of lands yearning for freedom. Short range support of dictators like Franco in Spain which denies that nation's right to "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" confuses all Asians.

We need a president who in the words of Lincoln is not greased with hypocrisy and I believe Estes Kefauver is such.

Margaret T. Montague
Roseburg, Ore.

Family Entertainment In Movies Said Need

WINSTON — In the Reader Opinion column of The News-Review of March 21, the manager of our Roseburg theaters objected to a recent headline that read, "Delinquency Link With Bad Movies Found."

Such headlines are probably not good for the movie business, and I am sure that the theater manager would not show bad movies if he could avoid it. However, he has no choice in the matter but has to show the bad with the good, or else go out of business.

If a groceryman had to sell bad eggs along with the good eggs, a lot of people would soon stop buying eggs.

There was a time, long ago, when you could go to a movie and see one feature picture, along with a comedy and news reel or a travelogue, and it was pleasant entertainment for the whole family.

At present, when over half our pictures are not suitable for family entertainment, and along with the double feature, the odds are too great to take a chance, because you are sure to leave the theater with a greater or lesser amount of delinquency clinging to your person.

If I go to a bar for a glass of beer, I have to leave the children outside, because the sign says "No Minors Allowed."

What, may I ask, is as pure as the foam on a glass of beer?

What would the children see or hear at the bar, compared with what they see or hear at a lousy movie?

Fortunately, the law protects the children from the bar. What protection do they have at the movie?

We are waiting for the day when the theaters advertise that a program is suitable for family entertainment. In the meantime, why pay good money to spend three hours in a mental flop house?

Frank Lanning
Winston, Ore.

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