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BARRIERS TO INDUSTRY

By Charles V. Stanton

Previously in this column I have discussed the need for diversification of industry and the need for new industry in this area. I also mentioned recently the number of letters, chiefly anonymous, received on this subject. These letters, as I stated, indicate a belief that industry is easily obtained. A little reflection on this subject, however, will convince anyone that attracting industry into an area is a most difficult task.

For one thing the competition is great. Every community in the nation wants more industry. Some have organized intensive campaigns. A few have been successful. Others have had little success.

One of the chief elements producing a successful campaign is transportation. The community with competitive transportation facilities has a decided edge when it comes to attracting new industry.

If we will look around us, we will find that new industry in Oregon is entering communities blessed with rail competition and ignoring Douglas County, even though our area has the outstanding abundance of raw material. New industry, with only few exceptions, stops where rail competition stops. So, before Douglas County can put itself into a favorable light in competition for new industry it must obtain competitive transportation.

Other Factors Involved

Other factors, however, enter into the promotion of new industry. We find industrial concerns to be interested in labor supply, climate, environment, and many other considerations.

In these days of high wages much industry is moving into the southern states, where labor is cheaper and where there is less labor organization. Also growing rapidly is the Southwest, wherever transportation and water are to be found together. Air conditioning has made the Southwest acceptable for summer operation, while the climate there affords a tremendous advantage in winter. Thus we find Phoenix and Tucson booming with new electronic and aircraft industries.

Actually, those industries would be far better protected in Southern Oregon. By locating in Arizona the industries are in exposed positions in the event of enemy air attack. They could be easily located by invading aircraft. One nuclear bomb would cause damage over a wide area.

Industries scattered through the hills of Southern Oregon would have a great advantage in the event of enemy attack. Enemy aircraft would have a hard time finding them. Because the valleys are narrow, it would be very difficult to pinpoint a target from high altitude. The effect of any bomb would be confined to the particular valley in which it fell. Its destructive force would be so limited that an enemy would find it economically foolish to use costly nuclear bombs on such small target areas.

Area Handicapped

If our defense department desired to locate key industries on sites where an enemy attack could have very limited effect, it would place many such industries in Southern Oregon instead of leaving them exposed as at present.

But we find this area handicapped by a railroad monopoly, limited highway access, inadequate airfields, etc. We have a very small labor force and a climate less suitable for winter operation than available in the Southwest. Our wage scale is near, if not actually, highest in the nation, as is our cost of living. These are some of our handicaps in securing defense industries. The handicaps are not insurmountable. Advisability of dispersing key defense industries, particularly electronics and aircraft, would, it seems to me, give Southern Oregon outstanding advantages sufficient to offset handicaps. Perhaps we should be exploiting our defensive position a little more.

New industry also is concerned with tax environment. Oregon's tax program is not now attractive to new industry and it promises to become worse.

These are only a few of the problems involved in any effort to secure new industry for this area. There are some things that could be done, I believe, but much work and some expense would be involved. But any effort we put forth should take into account the obstacles to be overcome.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—Europe is a strange continent where men are still so ruggedly independent they won't stand for backseat driving.

"A husband there would not let his wife tell him how to drive," said Gilberte Thirion, a pretty sprout from Brussels who at 29 is Europe's top feminine auto racing star.

"He is the boss—in the car, as well as in the home."

"I am amazed to see so many women behind the wheel in this country. The man sits beside her like a small babe."

"In Europe if you see a man and a woman in the car, it is almost always the man who is at the wheel. He would not trust her to drive."

Miss Thirion, who has won 20 of 60 races she has participated in during the last five years, came here for the international races at Sebring, Fla., last month. She and her co-driver, Mrs. Nadège Ferrier of Switzerland, piloted a Renault Dauphine and finished first in their small car category.

"I compete mostly against men," said the tawny-haired Belgian mademoiselle, who was named by her small nation as its top sports performer of 1956.

Trimmly built (she is one meter 70 centimeters tall and weighs about 80 kilos), she showed the stamina last year to win—in her division—Italy's famed "Mille Miglia" race by outpacing 600 competitors through a 15-hour stretch at the wheel.

She first learned to pilot an old Army jeep and was trained in

FARM AND HOME OUTLOOK

Douglas County Church Membership Falls Short

(This is the first of a series of articles on the Douglas County Farm and Home Outlook Conference.)

By DARRELL MADDOX
Staff Writer, News-Review

Church membership in Douglas County is far below the national church membership average, it was revealed by a committee on Youth at the recent Douglas County Farm and Home Outlook Conference held in the courthouse auditorium.

Ten committees reported at the conference which is held every 10 years. This was the county's fourth conference. Purpose was to evaluate farm and home conditions, and to present a program which serves as a guide to future farm and home growth in the county. J. Roland Parker, county extension agent, said:

"One hundred and sixty-three men and women from throughout the county worked on the reports. The reports submitted are intended to cover a ten-year period, Parker said.

The 10 committees reporting were: Livestock, home and community, poultry, crops, horticulture, farm and forestry, youth, suburban living and part time farming, soil and water resources, and taxation and finance.

Youth Reports
Kenneth W. Knechtel, who gave the Youth Committee report, said the committee felt that church membership may be correlated

with parental lack of interest. He went on to say that "there is a feeling among many parents to remain away or apart from organized youth activities. Some of this may be due to the fact that some of them might be offended to some degree by outside offers to take care of their youngsters' free time."

The committee report expressed the opinion that "there is some question of the value of promoting and organizing a new youth center when there is very incomplete use made of existing material. If youth programs are to remain successful, communities should be encouraged to participate in them to the fullest extent."

It was emphasized that accomplishments of youth should be brought to the public's attention, rather than their misdeeds. The committee held a meeting with Charles V. Stanton, News-Review editor, and found the editor has been making a study of favorable and unfavorable publicity with regard to youth. They said his findings indicated that the ratio of favorable to unfavorable publicity was better than five to one.

Stanton on the teen-age page that has been appearing in The News-Review every Monday.

Taxation and Finance
The committee on Taxation and Finance recommended that the Douglas County Planning Commission be reactivated.

The report said, "Monies received from timber sales on county owned lands and government managed forest lands have been used in lieu of property taxes to meet a greater portion of the annual county operating budget. Since there is no assurance timber sales funds will continue at the level of recent years to offset property taxes, there is need to give tax problems more serious consideration without delay."

"Residents of the county must look to the many tax levying bodies in the county rather than to the county government for a reduction in property taxes at this time."

Among recommendations made by the committee were: (1) Property be at least partially relieved of levies to pay bonded indebtedness and interest thereon by some other form of taxation; (2) In reappraisal of property now being carried on in the county, equalization, particularly cropland, grazing and forest lands; and (3) The Douglas County Taxpayers League be reorganized and take a more active position in checking expenditure of county funds, examination of budgets and county programs. Similar action was advised on budgets, expenditures and programs of various political subdivisions in the county having authority to levy taxes.

It was felt by the committee that there appears no easy way of reducing holding down property or other taxes.

Attorney General Brownell Rules Vice President Could Declare President Unfit

Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP)—It may startle you—but the vice president Wednesday could declare the president unable to carry out his duties and announce himself as so.

So far the two vice presidents who had the best excuse for doing that—those who served under President Garfield, who lingered 80 days after being shot, and President Wilson, laid up for 17 months—did nothing.

But what would stop some future vice president—in a situation unimaginable now, say crisis, ambition, political conflict—from trying to get the presidency by declaring the president disabled?

The biggest single deterrent would be the power Congress has to impeach him if it thought he was trying to usurp the presidency. Nevertheless, such a try some day is possible so long as the present constitutional gap on the presidency remains.

The Constitution says: "In case of the removal of the president from office, or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the vice president."

In that sentence the Constitution does one thing, fails to do another: 1. It gives the vice president power—to step into the presidency—on a contingent basis. That is, he assumes the office if the president is disabled.

2. It fails to say who decides the president is disabled. It does not say the vice president shall or shall not make the decision.

Under law, when a man is granted power on a contingent basis—and when there is no language to the contrary the decision on when to assume that power is up to him. This was pointed out Monday by Atty. Gen. Brownell, who told Congress:

Reader Opinions

Douglas Blood Program Handled By Red Cross

Never let it be said that we did not take advantage of an opportunity, such as presented by the letter of Mr. Mathew M. Adams in the April 2 issue of the News-Review, to discuss the Red Cross blood program.

Because of the apparent lack of donors at the last bloodmobile visit, Mr. Adams suggested that "some blood bank program be set up for Roseburg." Roseburg and Douglas County does have a blood bank program, and a visit by the bloodmobile such as we had on March 27 and 28, is the means used to collect the blood needed in four local hospitals and in other hospitals in Oregon participating in the program. In 1956, 1,042 pints of blood were collected in Douglas County, and 1,341 were used in the hospitals here. Because of this program, Douglas County residents were saved some \$42,000 in medical expenses, since there is no charge for the blood itself to the people receiving it. If Douglas County did not participate in this Red Cross service, blood would cost from \$25 to \$40 per pint, as it does in Lane County, where the program does not exist.

"I think maybe I give up racing when I have children," if he didn't see another car, no matter what the sign said. In three weeks Gilberte expects to marry her fiancé, a young French alpine climber.

"He does not like too much the racing," she said, laughing. "He thinks it is too dangerous. But I tell him that I don't like it too much that he climbs the mountain. One can be hurt worse, worse than falling from an Alp."

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In The Day's News

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NESS, and is going to cut spending sharply so that federal taxes can be reduced.

Wait a minute. Before jumping to any conclusions, read this rather revealing little dispatch:

Economy minded congressmen say they have trimmed nearly a BILLION dollars from President Eisenhower's record — breaking peace time budget. They hope eventually to cut two or three times that much.

However, the budget — cutting fever cooled slightly Thursday night, when a ROLL CALL vote was taken and nearly 33 million dollars slipped back into appropriations for the labor and welfare departments.

What does that mean? Briefly, it means this: The trimming was done on a VOICE vote. On a voice vote, nobody knows who voted for what.

A roll call vote is a RECORD vote — and on a record vote anybody who is willing to take the time to check up on the record can find out who voted for what.

What does THAT mean? It means that as of now in the congress of the United States — which has the final say on how much is to be spent, which governs the amount of tax money that will have to be taken out of the pockets of the people — TALKING ECONOMY is regarded as good politics, but actually VOTING for economy is regarded as bad politics.

In other words—The politicians still believe that what the people want is MORE SPENDING rather than less spending. They will continue to believe that until the people start picking out the spenders and voting against them.

When that time comes—If it comes—We will get more economy in government. But not, I'm afraid, until then.

Taking everything into consideration, it seems improbable that federal taxes can be REDUCED SHARPLY this year, or even next year.

But we certainly ought to be able to STOP TAXES FROM RISING, so that we can catch our breath, get our second wind and start reducing the national debt.

Speaking of the national debt—INTEREST on amounts now due to about seven BILLION dollars. On the general assumption that each billion dollars spent by the federal government costs you as an individual about \$6, that means that interest on the national debt costs you individually about \$42 a year.

As late as the decade ending in 1936, our TOTAL per capita federal tax was only \$20.95. Now, only 20 years later, our per capita tax FOR INTEREST ON THE NATIONAL DEBT ALONE is twice that. Our present total per capita federal tax is more than \$400—20 times what it was 20 years ago. It's getting about time to call a halt.

INDICTED FOR MURDER
RICHMOND, Ind. (AP)—A 31-year-old divorcee accused of killing photographer Roy Hirschburg, was indicted on a first degree murder charge yesterday.

The Wayne County Grand Jury indicted Miss Ethel Wise, a bottle cap factory worker, for the rifle shooting of the 64-year-old photographer on the street in front of his studio March 25.

We cannot close this without thanking those many people who have supported and are still faithfully supporting our Red Cross blood program. We have almost 150 people who are gallon donors; 30 who are three-gallon donors; 3 who are four-gallon donors, and our champion, Mr. Harold Schmeer, a five-gallon donor.

Mrs. Walter Brittle, Director Mrs. Jack Cummins, Blood Recruitment Chairman American Red Cross Blood Program

O'Mahoney Hits Charge Brought On Newsman

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) accused the State Department today of raising "a side issue" to divert attention from its refusal to permit newsmen to enter Red China.

O'Mahoney said the department "owes an apology" to Negro newsman William Worthy for testimony the senator said was "intended to show he had been jailed for refusing to go to a conscientious objectors camp" in World War II.

In Chicago, Worthy said he refused to go to a CO camp in 1943 on grounds there was racial discrimination in assignments to such camps. He said he never was prosecuted, but was classified 4-F because of an ulcer.

O'Mahoney is a member of a Senate Constitutional Rights subcommittee inquiring into the State Department's ban against Americans, including newsmen, entering Communist China.

Gooney Birds Fly To Midway From W. Coast

WHIDBEY ISLAND NAVAL AIR STATION (AP)—Two of those gooney birds, not so goofy after all, made it to Midway Island. The best time: 3,000 miles in 10 days flat.

Their flight was part of a U.S. Navy-Fish and Wildlife Service experiment. Four of the big albatross-like birds, which are so large and awkward on the ground and breed so rapidly they have become a menace to air navigation on Midway Island, were brought here by Air Squadron VP 40 last month.

The Navy has been carrying them to distant points around the Pacific to determine how far they must be taken so as not to return home.

The four, their heads dyed pink and banded with other identification, were released here March 23 and headed southwest.

Wednesday, the Naval Air Station here was notified that two had arrived at the mid-Pacific island, the second following the first by two days.

A third was found badly injured in Northwest waters and the Canadian Wildlife Service at Victoria, B.C., ordered it destroyed.

The fourth has not been accounted for, but may have found an island all its own, the Navy said.

GASOLINE TAX BOOST

TOKYO (AP)—Parliament's upper House approved Friday a measure boosting the gasoline tax in Japan from the equivalent of 13.6 cents per gallon to 19.2 cents.

The bill will become law when and if the lower House approves revisions made in the upper House.

Lenten Devotions

Message By

Roseburg Ministerial Assn

TODAY'S TEXT (John 14:1-4)

Though some try, I cannot dispense with Jesus. To attempt living without Him my life would be bleak, bare and above all without a purpose. One of the great assets that comes from believing in Christ is the picture He gives me of God. Were you to ask me, as others have, "How do you know there is a God?" my reply would be something like this: "My sense of dependence, my consciousness of responsibility, my capacity for reverence—all that is in me that looks up and out and forward makes me aware that I am in direct contact with a reality greater and worthier than I whose nature and purposes continually elude me. Yet I cling to this because I have in Christ the symbol of all that is eternal and holy. To know Christ is to know God. This I ever seek to do."

There are two seasons in the year when we find ourselves very conscious of God—Christmas and Easter! Why? I think this is true because Christ becomes so real to us at such times. Christmas memorializes His birth. Easter relives for us His death and resurrection.

As the greatest teacher of all ages, His wisdom and instruction should be heeded and followed. Among the golden nuggets of truth that came from His lips is this:

Klamath Indian Control End Slow Up Approved

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Interior Committee has approved, with amendments, a Senate-passed bill to slow up the end of government supervision over the Klamath Indians in Oregon.

The action came Wednesday on a voice vote after the committee voted to include in its report on the bill a "strong censure" of management specialists now studying termination procedures.

The "censure" request was made by Rep. Berry (R-SD) who accused the specialists of having "dragged their feet" on the termination program. Berry also received permission to file a minority report on the bill which he said he was "afraid is sponsored more by non-Indians than by the Indians."

PLANS TO LIQUIDATE

PORTLAND (AP)—Ormond Bean, president of the Mount Hood Aerial Transportation Co., said Friday a plan for liquidating the firm would be submitted to stockholders in the near future.

The company had run a tramway on the slopes of Mount Hood until last spring, when the service was halted because of operational difficulties.



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