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WHAT WOULD YOU THINK?

By Charles V. Stanton

If you were an investor on the Atlantic Coast with a moderate amount of capital available to finance an industrial plant, and if you were looking for a site for your business venture, would you consider locating in Oregon?

You undoubtedly would be watching very carefully the news from all parts of the country where your plant might be placed with a reasonable expectation of success. As you studied the facts obtained by your reading and research, you would observe that Oregon's governor booted out a commission engaged in seeking new industry, speaking slightly of the efforts of the commission because it hadn't shown as much results as he thought it should. The commission had been pleading for funds, pointing out that it couldn't do much more than maintain an office with the money allotted. The governor obtained a new board, strictly accountable to himself, and secured a larger appropriation than had been asked by the previous group.

Would you, as a potential investor in a business in Oregon, be influenced favorably by such an incident? Would you form the impression that Oregon would be a good place in which to do business when the governor of the state would insult dedicated, unpaid workers and then set up a politically dominated group of exactly the same character but with money denied to those conscientious workers subjected to the governor's harsh criticism?

Tax Structure Involved

While considering the possibility of locating an industry in Oregon you surely would give much consideration to the tax structure. You would take note of the fact that Oregon has the highest personal income tax rate in the country. That would make it hard for you to get competent men in the well-paid managerial and supervisory departments because they could save several hundred dollars annually by living in other states. You also would take note of Oregon's high tax impositions on corporations. You would be especially interested in the fact that the Oregon Legislature handles taxes for political values rather than for the promotion of jobs and industry.

These, however, are all lesser matters influencing your decision. More important than the situation and conditions within the State would be the news emanating from the national capital.

Oregon senators, you would be quick to note, paint a very sorry picture of Oregon's electric power prospects. The public is being told constantly that Oregon is power poor. You know as a reader of the daily news that there have been some increases in the generation of power by private companies, particularly in southwestern Oregon. You know that additional private power in that area is contemplated. You are surprised that so little is said about the great increases being made in power in the southwestern part of the state when such a furor is created about similar activities in the northeastern region.

Security Lacking

The viciousness of the attack against private power development on the Snake River amazes you, until you realize it is a political battle waged by exponents of public power and a Columbia Valley Authority. You read impassioned statements from Oregon's senators that industry can't be attracted to Oregon unless supplied with subsidized power furnished at the expense of taxpayers. You are puzzled, because the cost of power is one of the small items in production. Many corporations, you know, are moving into areas where power is far more costly than private rates anywhere in Oregon. You are thereby made aware that the outcry now being heard in Washington is purely political and that so long as politics are applied to the industrial situation there can be no assured security for the private investor.

This reasoning is further advanced by the treatment given the Idaho Power Company in connection with its request for fast depreciation. This aid to industry has been used in thousands of cases across the nation. It has helped many businesses to speed their date for start of production. But if an enterprise on the Oregon-Idaho border is to be so completely abused for a perfectly legal and common transaction, do you want to locate your business in such an atmosphere where you too might be so treated?

Then there's the matter of poverty. You read continuing statements that per capita income in Oregon is far below national average. Oregon, you reason, must be filled with poor white trash. You have a hard time understanding the poverty claim, however, when you note, in figuring your labor costs, that individual wages are higher in Oregon than almost any place in the country. Then you realize that the per capita figure is totally misleading. Oregon you ascertain has a lower percentage of employed males than in some other states, a higher birth rate, and a faster rate of migration of new population into the state.

But if a state is to be subjected to political manipulation at every level, with an apparent aversion to big business and to private profits, is it a good environment for a new business?

What would you think?

Anderson Passes Initial Test

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Senate Finance Committee Friday unanimously recommended Senate confirmation of the nomination of Robert B. Anderson as secretary of the Treasury.

Anderson has been picked by President Eisenhower to succeed Secretary Humphrey, who is leaving the cabinet sometime this summer.

Anderson, a Texas financier, formerly was secretary of the Navy.

Anderson told the committee "I wish the steel price increase had not taken place."

Anderson said he is "not a competent witness" on the story behind the \$6-a-ton increase announced Thursday night by U. S. Steel Corp., but that he realized it means a probable boost in the prices of many consumer goods items.

Anderson also testified he is free

to change any policies of outgoing Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey if he thinks they should be changed.

"I was asked for and have given no commitments," the financier said. "I would feel under no obligation to anyone except to the people of the United States."

Anderson described himself in the past as a "Texas Democrat for Eisenhower."

'WAR' SLACKERS

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—The flareup in the vast pocket war between the Chinese Communists and the Chinese Nationalists tapered off further Friday.

The Communists on the mainland lobbed only 56 shells overnight at the Nationalist islands just offshore. The Nationalists fired back.

Don't Tell Anyone



Bruce Blossat

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

If Sen. Harry Byrd of Virginia can manage to keep politics at a minimum, the Senate Finance Committee's new inquiry into the nation's financial condition could be one of the most useful congressional investigations in recent history.

To listen to Byrd, that's the way he wants it. He predicts it will be the most sweeping look at U. S. finances in 50 years.

The senator says inflation is the top problem perplexing the committee. Since 1940 the dollar has lost more than half its old purchasing power.

Byrd is especially concerned that inflation has resumed within the last year, even though the country is not now engaged in a war and is not piling up fresh federal deficits.

It would be natural to expect the Finance Committee to inquire, too, into the whole question of the federal debt. Only from the onset of World War II has the nation had to contend with so fantastic a burden as now plagues U. S. taxpayers.

Are we to be saddled indefinitely with a debt in the magnitude of 275 billion dollars or more? Or is there a real prospect that this load, with its painfully high annual interest charges equal to the entire budget in the so-called "heavy spending" depression era, can be made substantially lighter?

What real savings are possible in nondefense operations without impairing essential governmental services?

If disarmament or a broad peace agreement were achieved, how deep could we cut defense spending and what would the budget look like then?

WHAT can be said—with calm detachment and without political fervor—about the issue of hard vs. easy money in its effect on purchasing power and general economic levels?

What measure can be put upon our steeply graduated federal income tax in terms of its fairness

and its effect upon the initiative of our productive men and enterprises? Would the economy and the nation benefit more from a less drastic tax scale?

These would seem to be some of the questions that any comprehensive survey of the financial condition of the United States must confront sooner or later.

Mrs. McMasters Named President At Camas Valley

By MRS. W. L. Banks

Crystal McMasters has been elected president of the Camas Valley Toastmistress Club.

Other new officers are: Mrs. Hazel Deffending, vice president; Mrs. Helen McCallan, secretary; Mrs. Ella Bartley, treasurer; and Mrs. Carrie Pope, club representative.

Committee chairmen named by Mrs. McMasters were: Mrs. Anita Dahl, program; Mrs. Lucille Catelpho, education; Mrs. Enid Weist, parliamentarian; Mrs. Esther Pryor, budget; Mrs. Corrine Taylor, historian; Mrs. Hazel Pelzer, publicity; Mrs. Marian Moody, decorations; Mrs. Deffending, housing and reservations; Mrs. Violet Standley, hostess; and Mrs. Arlene Parson, librarian.

The next meeting of the club is scheduled July 10.

Returns From Grenada. Mrs. Carl Dahl has returned to her home in Upper Camas following a trip to Grenada, Calif., where she was the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dahl, and family.

Mrs. Dahl took her grandson, Larry Dancer, home after he had spent several days in Camas Valley.

Imports Quota Ordered Extended

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower has ordered a two-month extension beyond June 30 of the present annual quota of 185 million pounds of imports of rye, rye meal and rye flour.

He acted this week on the basis of a Tariff Commission finding that import restrictions would remain necessary after June 30. However, the commission had recommended an annual quota of 35,000,000 pounds for an indefinite period.

The present annual quota was established in 1934. A White House announcement said U. S. rye stocks have been reduced considerably since then and prospective supplies are much closer to expected demand than at any time since.

The proclamation continues the original allocation of the quota of 182,280,000 pounds for imports from Canada, with the remainder for imports from all other countries.

Committee Compromises Omnibus Housing Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Senate-House conference committee has agreed on a compromise \$1,675,000,000 omnibus housing bill which would authorize lower down payments on FHA-insured homes.

The bill, intended to make it easier for families of moderate income to enter the housing market, was a compromise of differing Senate and House measures.

Totals in the final version hammered out late this week were much closer to the original \$1,675,000,000 Senate bill than the \$2,475,000,000 House version.

Sen. Sparkman (D-Ala.), chief housing spokesman in the Senate, said the compromise probably will be brought up in both branches of Congress next week.

The conference accepted the House figures on down payments—3 per cent on the first \$10,000 of appraised value, 15 per cent on the next \$5,000 and 20 per cent above that.

Wilbur Church Slates Potluck For New Pastor

By MRS. LEWIS BINTLIFF

The Wilbur Church will hold a potluck dinner Sunday evening at 6:30 in the church recreation room to honor the new minister, Rev. John Ginter, and family.

Visitors. Mrs. Bertha Baker visited her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Mrs. Lillian Hume and Erwin Baker on Coles Valley Road this week. She is a teacher at Port Forrester, Ill., and has been visiting friends and relatives along the Pacific Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. James Torgerson and Mrs. Ralph Sands drove to Portland, Calif., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pitts recently. On returning, the Torgersons went on to Bremerton, Wash., for several days where they had business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Glasco and son, Terry, of Eugene spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harvey and other friends at Wilbur.

Portland visitors at the Bernard Grubbe home last week were Mrs. Grubbe's small nephews, Thomas Cleveland and Jeffrey Hedman. Mr. and Mrs. Grubbe drove them to Albany Sunday to meet Mrs. Cleveland for their return home.

New Residents. New residents of Wilbur are the Walt Carlson family. They are living in the Holcomb apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shultz of Coos Bay visited the home of his sister, Mrs. Lins Emmons on Coles Valley Road recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hunt and children have moved to Myrtle Creek. They have been staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moffitt, while Terry and Nancy attended Bible school.

Section Foreman At Wilbur Gets Richardson Job.

By MRS. LEWIS BINTLIFF

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moffitt are leaving this weekend for their new home at Richardson, Ore.

He has been railroad section foreman at Wilbur for the past 11 years, and will hold the same position there. The section at Wilbur is being discontinued, and the employees will be transferred to other areas.

Drive To Powers. Mrs. Everett Blondell and children drove to Powers for the weekend to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hackett. Alison will visit her grandmother for the next two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy LaRock and son, Douglas, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Groat of the San Francisco area spent the weekend visiting the girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holcomb, and daughter, Velva. The Groat's daughter, Janice, is staying with her grandparents while her father is in school.

They were joined here for a family reunion by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Holcomb and children of Grants Pass. Mr. and Mrs. Groat drove on to Washington to visit two other children who are staying with the paternal grandparents.

Visits In Redding. Mrs. Carol Clark and son, Richard, spent last week visiting her sister Mrs. Chet Ferguson, at Redding, Calif. Her daughters, Roxie Ann and Karen, who have been staying with their aunt returned home with her. The Clark family will leave soon for Powers where Mrs. Clark has been employed by the Lion's Club as lifeguard and swimming instructor for the summer season.

Mrs. Daisy Godfrey has accepted employment at the Elk's Club in Roseburg.

Jack Prince was a guest last week at the Helen Woodward home. He was on his way to Pullman, Wash., where he attends college.

Two Green Men Receive Burns.

By MARY WEIKUM

Sam Saver suffered serious burn injury Sunday when he attempted to put out a fire caused by burning grease at his home on Castle Avenue on Sunday afternoon.

He was admitted to the Community Hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ludermeier have returned from a trip to Yellowstone Park. Their vacation was cut short by the serious burns suffered by Ludermeier while he was starting a camp fire. Third degree burns on his leg are still being treated.

The Rev. and Mrs. David Siemens spent several days vacationing along the coast and the Columbia River Highway last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rhodes and three sons are leaving for a three-week vacation to Los Angeles and other places in California.

In Los Angeles, they will visit Rhodes' 90-year-old father. His stepmother and brothers and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Totti and daughter, Carol, have returned to their home on Stella Street after a three-week vacation trip to California and Arizona. They visited friends and relatives at Inverness, San Francisco, Sacramento, Napa, and Los Angeles, and in Phoenix, Ariz. At Clear Lake, Cal. they visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Perkins.

Corvallis, Dalles Crown Queens For Centennials.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two Oregon cities opened their centennial anniversaries this week by crowning queens.

Nancy Allworth, 22, a June graduate from Oregon State College, sharing honors with her centennial anniversary this week by crowning queens.

Some 7,000 persons attended the ceremonies.

The other city celebrating its 100th birthday anniversary is The Dalles. Patricia Anne Herbst, 20, former University of Oregon student, was named queen there.

Bus Collision Kills One, Injures 13 More.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. (AP)—A Greyhound bus collided with a tractor trailer on the New Jersey Turnpike early Friday, killed one passenger and injured the driver and all of the 13 other passengers.

Dead on arrival at Middlesex General Hospital was Arthur Fox, 63, of Baltimore. One of the injured, a woman tentatively identified by police as Marie Price, also of Baltimore, was in critical condition at the hospital.

Society

CAMAS VALLEY GRANGE ENJOYS SOCIAL EVENING

Tuesday, June 25, was a social meeting night for Camas Valley Grange. Nine guests came from the Evergreen Grange. The ladies served pie a la mode in honor of Father's Day. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Moore reported on the State Grange Convention which they attended as delegates. The Home Economics Club will meet with Mrs. Mary Jane Spurlock Monday, July 1.

MRS. THACKER INSPIRES LOVELY DINNER PARTY.

Mrs. Morris Thacker of Sutherlin was honored at a birthday dinner Monday evening at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Rose Spurgin.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Thacker, Gail and Price; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Voegepohl; the hostess, Mrs. Spurgin, and her daughter, Mrs. Eunice Gull.

CAMP TYEE SCENE OF ENJOYABLE PICNIC DINNER.

An enjoyable picnic dinner was given at Camp Tyee Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

Covers were placed for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Monett and children, Sandra, Susan and David; "Amelia" Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crouch and children, Mark, Annette, Glenn and Kathleen; and Kathleen Hatch.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB HAS PICNIC ON THURSDAY.

Friendship Club of West Sutherlin met Thursday at the Mack Brown Park for a picnic.

Those enjoying the day were Goldie Conn, Ida Mae Firestone, Marion Gray, Florence Lindstead, Rhea Gourley and a guest, Mrs. Dolly Gourley and children. Hostesses were Mrs. Goldie Conn and Mrs. Marion Gray.

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 18, with Ida Mae Firestone and Ellen Womser as hostesses, and will be a picnic at the Mack Brown Park.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB HOLDS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Friendship Club of the Rebekeah Glendale Lodge met Tuesday of last week and elected new officers. Officers will be installed at the next meeting, July 18. They are as follows: Mrs. William La Prath, president; Mrs. E. A. Coate, vice president; Mrs. Herb Reed, treasurer.

At the July 18 meeting the losing team in a recent money-raising contest will host the winning team. Hostesses, Mrs. James Mize, Mrs. C. E. Young, Mrs. Margaret Hill, and Mrs. Fred Wright, served delicious refreshments.

PAUL URBENS ENTERTAIN AT DELIGHTFUL DINNER.

A very delightful Father's Day dinner was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Urban Sr. on Tyee Road near Umpqua Sunday. Places were set for Mr. and Mrs. Don Evans and daughters, Kerry and Linda; Mr. and Mrs. Don Madrox and daughter, Donna; Carl Urban and the host and hostess.

CHIEF COUNSEL RESIGNS.

SALEM (AP)—Robert L. May, Jr. has resigned as assistant chief counsel for the state Highway Commission. Charles H. Reynolds, commission chairman, announced.

May resigned to accept appointment as assistant general counsel for the United States Bureau of Roads.

The salary for the new position is reported to be \$12,000.

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