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OPERATION BOOTSTRAP

By Charles V. Stanton

It becomes more and more apparent that if we are to improve our industrial economy in Douglas County we stand the best chance to do it by our own efforts. For immediate results we should be devising ways and means of improving wood utilization. In that direction, I believe, we will find our quickest and easiest way of starting our economy toward a higher plane.

We can hope, of course, that outside private capital will enter into the picture, particularly in the installation of pulp and paper processes. However, I am not counting too heavily on outside capital for investment in Oregon in the immediate future — about which more later.

Previously in this column I have urged the formation of a group of local investors to promote small utilization businesses. We have two strikes against us in that proposal, both found in the discouragement offered by tax structure, which prevents long profits in return for long risks. But, I believe, we could speed our return to a high level economy by getting some smaller usage industries in operation in the near future, and we can best achieve that purpose through local effort. I'm afraid we'll wait a long time if we wait for investors from outside the state exclusively to develop the local industrial field.

Discouragements Offered

Oregon is doing almost everything possible to discourage investment of risk capital.

We have a delegation in Congress in which the majority has a pronounced inferiority complex insofar as Oregon is concerned. We have been portrayed by our delegation as an underprivileged, impoverished, helpless, struggling state. It has been indicated that we are on the verge of disaster. Money has been begged for our farmers. The public has been told that industry doesn't have a chance in Oregon unless the federal government, and the federal government alone, steps into the power picture. Oregon, it would seem from statements in Congress, can't support its schools without federal help. The country has been told that Oregon's wage earner is a sorry character. Per capita wages, it has been proclaimed time and again are below national average, but without an accompanying statement that Oregon's pay scale is one of the best in the nation; that the reason for the per capita figure is found in the high birthrate, the preponderance of young people, the influx of people seeking jobs, and a greater percentage of employed females.

All in all, our panhandling senators haven't done much to enhance the prestige of Oregon as an independent, self-supporting empire. Their attitude wouldn't impress the prospective investor seeking a place to put his money to work.

Nor has our legislature been of much help. Many of our state politicians, weighing between industry and votes, selected votes. Workers outnumber employers many times over, thus representing more votes.

Tax Program Obstacle

So the legislature rejected sales tax proposals, made just as much concession as possible on low bracket income taxes, heaped more taxes on the upper brackets, particularly those in the management range, and soaked corporations with a tax rate which, equal with Idaho, is highest in the nation. Not much there to attract industrial investment from outside the state.

Consequently, if we want immediate action, we must start tugging on our own bootstraps.

Because we are geared to a timber economy and because there is so much waste in our present operation, it would seem to me that improved wood utilization should be the starting place in Operation Bootstrap.

But there are other opportunities. Our agricultural potential has been far from realized. Financial returns in industrial employment are much greater for less work than is true of agriculture, so Douglas County hasn't been doing much in the way of improving agricultural income.

Recreation ranks next to agriculture in the Big Three of Oregon's income producers. Certainly no county in Oregon has better opportunity for recreational development.

Our economy will soon be improving from natural causes. Just how soon depends upon a number of circumstances, few of which can be controlled from this end. Possibly that improvement will come before Operation Bootstrap could be inaugurated. But, regardless of what the level of our economy may be, we can always use more.

In our efforts we should have the help of a partner—one who controls half our resource. But that's another story for another day.

Southern Pacific Doesn't Expect Box Car Shortage

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Southern Pacific railroad anticipates that the freight car supply, which is usually inadequate to meet late summer shipping demands for lumber and harvested grain in western Oregon, will not pose a serious problem this year.

This was the word from D. J. Russell, SP president, to Congressman Charles O. Porter, Oregon Democrat.

"Due to the decline in lumber loading and other traffic experienced during the first half of this year, receipts of box cars, both loaded and empty, through connections approximately equaled the number of box cars, loaded and empty, delivered to our connections, thus creating a generally satisfactory condition respecting car supply on our lines," Russell wrote Porter.

He pointed out that the railroad has average 1368 empty freight cars daily in Oregon during the first quarter of the year. This was depleted due to an uptrend in lum-

ber shipments before July 4, but the cars in storage "is now running in excess of 2000 cars per day."

"It is our understanding that later than usual maturity and harvest of grain crops in some sections of the country, along with a directly opposite situation with respect to harvests in other sections of the country, may result in a heavier peak demand for closed cars to move this grain than would normally be the case," Russell said.

"However, we are hopeful that with the close attention and cooperation of all having to do with this problem, the car supply situation this year will not be a serious one."

Russell said SP is continuing its program for buying new equipment but "we have experienced reduced volume of loadings this year with resultant effect on earnings. In addition, we have been faced with substantial increases in wage and other costs this year which have also reduced earnings because of delay in obtaining ICC approval for adjustments in rates to compensate for these increased costs."

"Follow Me, We'll Be Out of Here in a Minute"



Press Conference Questions On Gluck Arouses Anger Of President Eisenhower

By JAMES MARLOW
Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower angrily told his news conference Wednesday he would never consider appointing anyone recommended on the basis of a political contribution.

The presidential anger was the last link in a chain of events that came to a climax after he had given an ambassadorial appointment to Maxwell H. Gluck, a rich women's-wear chain-store owner and breeder of race horses.

Gluck contributed \$26,500 to the Republicans in 1956, according to published records.

Sometime this year, it seems, he got the idea he'd like to work for the government. He says now "I wanted to do some good." He was surprised, he said Wednesday, that Eisenhower appointed him ambassador to Ceylon.

But the events began 10 or 12 months ago when the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which had never heard of Gluck at that time, wanted to strengthen Secretary of State Dulles' hand in resisting the appointment of unequal men for key posts in the foreign service. The committee wrote a letter to Dulles. It said:

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Bridges Seeking Tieup With East Unions, Report

NEW YORK — The Wall Street Journal said Thursday in a copyrighted story that Harry Bridges is seeking to ally his West Coast waterfront union with the Teamsters Union and East Coast longshoremen in a huge transport combine.

The story, written under a San Francisco dateline, said he "is very much inclined to join hands with a couple of other fellows who are equally powerful, equally unruly."

"If his ideas are realized, he says very candidly, it would be a sensational news item not only for the other unions but for America's businessmen and the U. S. government."

"For his friends are Jimmy Hoffa, who seems likely to grab control of the Teamsters and get it booted out of the AFL-CIO and Capt. Bill Bradley, whose East Coast longshoremen's union suffered a similar fate four years ago."

In New York, Bradley was quoted as saying his union would negotiate with the Teamsters to form an amalgamated transport union but that he would oppose including the West Coast dock union as long as the left-wing Bridges heads it.

Portland E-R Commission Starts Demolition Work

PORTLAND — The Portland Exposition-Recreation Commission Tuesday set up the first phases of demolition for an eight million dollar sports center in Portland.

The commission said about 30 days will be required to tear down buildings on a three-block site, and demolition will start about the middle of August. The commission paid \$306,425 for the site.

Other blocks will be cleared later on the Broadway-Steel Bridge site.

The architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, the commission said, will produce a master plan of the center Thursday.

Small Business Administration Without Funds

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He also blocked the agreement, saying he would object to any move to put aside the civil rights bill unless it included a definite agreement for a time to vote on the pending jury trial amendment.

Morse said he was willing to fix this vote in 10 days or two weeks.

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The statement added: "There was no nuclear material in the cargo jettisoned, and there is absolutely no possibility of a nuclear explosion or release of radioactivity."

Reader Opinions

Need For New Oregon Tax Program Stressed

This letter concerns the need for a new tax program for Oregon, and the recognition of that need by a group of Klamath County citizens.

Oregon people have been aroused to an awareness of their tax burden this past two years; a tax burden that is discouraging industry from entering the state; a burden that is resulting in unemployment and few job opportunities being created.

The past session of the Oregon Legislature did very little to remedy this situation. It would seem that any movement toward a fairer tax program must come from the people themselves.

We who live near California's borders note that in that state great employment possibilities have been created, and that the tax program is especially designed by their legislative bodies to encourage new industry.

Oregon needs no industry. Oregon workers need jobs. High and inequitable taxation is preventing the establishment of a good and fair business climate, to bring better payrolls and job opportunities.

Taxation is not a partisan consideration. Let's take taxes out of politics. Our group of Republicans and Democrats and people who are from all walks of life are planning an initiative measure to give Oregon a modern and competitive tax program.

Before finally drafting an initiative petition, we wish to invite your readers to give us the benefit of their thoughts on the subject of a proper tax structure for the state of Oregon.

We would also be glad to meet with other Oregon counties who wish to form a non-partisan tax league. Does your county have a tax study group?

Please send your thoughts and suggestion to the Non Partisan Tax League, Box 456, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Josephine Kittredge
Chairman, Non Partisan Tax League of Klamath County

Appreciation Expressed For Control Of Fire

This letter is written to express my appreciation for the hard and successful work accomplished by private individuals and the crews of the Douglas Forest Protective Association and the Weyerhaeuser Co. in extinguishing the forest fire in Nicholas County Park last weekend.

The area in which this fire occurred is extremely hazardous from the standpoint of uncontrolled fires, and fire fighting is particularly difficult due to rock formations and dead standing trees.

A firm attempt to reforest the Nicholas Park has been undertaken through the cooperation of the students of Roseburg High School, and various public agencies. Some 2,000 young seedling pines and firs have been planted on 10 acres of the park, and this fire was stopped at the very edge of the planting area.

The traveling public is requested to use extra care with fire in this area—let's give the trees a chance.

Bob Kischel
County Land Agent

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"The transport, operated by the Air Materiel Command, had trouble with two of its four engines during a flight over the Atlantic

Morgan Says He Will Not Use His Position To Seek Political Opportunities

By PAUL HARVEY JR.
SALEM — Howard Morgan, who became Oregon public utilities commissioner six months ago, has fooled the experts.

He had been a master politician, having been Democratic state chairman. As such, he played an important role in his party's surge to power.

Consequently, there were many observers who thought Morgan would use his new office for political purposes.

This hasn't happened. Morgan says it won't happen, that he never will seek political elective office, and that he's just out to do a job for the people.

These attitudes might surprise even Morgan's friends, who knew him as one of the most rabidly partisan Democrats in Oregon.

They expected him to make some widespread personnel changes in his new department. He hasn't replaced an employee.

But this doesn't bar important policy changes, especially in the philosophy of utility regulation. Morgan feels that the past Republican public utilities commissioners have been content merely to act as umpire in disputes between the public and the utilities.

This, he goes on to say, doesn't bring about proper regulation. He sees it as his duty to take the initiative in investigating utilities.

"I am constantly encouraging all of the professional and technical employees of my department to do their full job of utility regulation. I will never order anybody to hold back or minimize

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tail and eased it down to a landing. The world moves—swiftly these days.

Speaking further of speed, the U.S. Air Force is celebrating its 50th anniversary this week — predicts that within a few years jet fighters will be roaring through the skies at better than 2000 MILES PER HOUR.

At that rate — assuming that they can carry fuel enough for the round trip — it will be able to circle the world in less than half a day.

Continuing the speed theme — If jet fighters can travel at that speed, it must be assumed that jet passenger planes will be able to travel at somewhat similar speeds.

If, when that time comes, you are able to command the price of a ticket, you can take off on a Friday afternoon, spend the weekend ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD YOU CHOOSE and be back in time to go to work on Monday morning.

Going on with predictions: The atomic energy commission forecasts today the development of tiny atomic batteries that will be powerful enough to run equipment in guided missiles and SPACE CRAFT.

It says in its semi-annual report that it already has an atomic battery SMALLER THAN A DIME but powerful enough to run a wrist watch for five years.

It-m-m-m. That means that the time will come when travel to the moon will be a cinch — which doesn't interest me, because there isn't supposed to be any air on the moon and I like to breathe.

But — If a rudimentary atomic battery the size of a dime will run a wrist watch for five years, it stands to reason that a PERFECTED atomic battery the size of a spare tire might run an automobile for a year.

That's more intriguing. Anyway — If all these predictions come true, the coming generation won't suffer from boredom.

Bill Authorizes Sale Of McNary Lake Frontage

WASHINGTON — A bill authorizing the sale of 441½ acres of McNary Lake frontage to the Port of Walla Walla, Wash., was reported out favorably Wednesday by the House Public Works Committee.

The land, at Atlatia about 20 miles southeast of Pasco, would be used for industrial development.

Identical bills have been introduced in the House by Reps. Holmes (R-Wash.) and Magnuson (D-Wash.). A similar bill was approved last week by the Senate Public Works Committee.

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