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POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY

By Charles V. Stanton

Frequently I have urged in this column that the state's major political parties restore at least a form of the old convention system. I wouldn't deny any aspirant the privilege of seeking office, but I would have each party tell the voters which candidates were acceptable to the party. It could be that the party would choose to grant endorsement to rival candidates for the same office. In any event, however, the voter would know that the candidates given endorsement would be both acceptable and responsible to the party.

If we had some such measure of control we would not have the situation with which voters now are confronted in the gubernatorial race. Neither party can take much pride in some of the prospects for the forthcoming election. It could well be that the "pointing with pride" which will follow the primary election will be done with tongue in cheek. For the party must accept as a candidate the one who wins the primary election, regardless of the candidate's personality, his ability to win at the general election, his platform, or his mental or physical qualifications.

The Republican Party has two principal candidates and four second stringers. Sig Unander and Mark Hatfield are conceded to be the top men in the race, while of the others, Warren Gill, Albert Eichman, George Livingston and Orval Rasor, only Gill is conceded even an outside chance. Gill is adopting the role of gadfly, and is doing the party more harm than good by his campaign tactics, in my opinion.

Democrats Divided

He has his counterpart, however, on the Democratic side in the person of Wiley Smith, Multnomah County assessor, who is buzzing about the issue of taxation, over which he has been quarrelling with state officials for many years. Observers expect the real contest to be between Governor Holmes and the veteran campaigner Lew Wallace.

Despite his age, Wallace is showing plenty of vigor in his campaign. He dropped out last time because of his health, but almost beat Holmes for the nomination despite his retirement. Fed with hope by that showing, after many years of battling for public office, Wallace is back in the campaign breathing fire and brimstone this year.

There is widespread rumor that a good many of the leaders of the Democratic Party aren't at all happy with the state of gubernatorial candidates. They feel that neither Holmes nor Wallace would be apt to beat either Unander or Hatfield in the general election.

There is rumor in political circles that U. S. Senator Dick Neuberger is the ace-in-the-hole and that, if it is indicated the Republicans stand a chance to get back into the Statehouse, Neuberger will come in as an independent. By his changed political tactics he certainly is making himself much more acceptable to independent voters and middle-of-the-road Republicans.

Cut Campaign Costs

If the two parties by state caucus or convention could throw party influence behind a chosen candidate, a good deal of confusion would be eliminated. At the same time, voters would know that the person nominated and elected would be answerable to the party for his actions in office.

Under the existing situation no candidate owes anything to the party. While the party is forced to permit him to wear its label, he can do as he pleases and cannot be subjected to any form of discipline.

Senator Wayne Morse furnishes the prime example. He chose to run originally as a Republican, because the Republicans had the greater strength in Oregon. He never voted as a Republican, however, although he continued to be a Republican candidate. Then, when the Democrats came into the majority, he promptly switched over.

If Oregon ever is to get responsibility, decorum and prestige into its campaigns and candidates, it will be necessary to change our practices and give political parties some expression as to who shall wear the party label and carry the party banner.

We hear a great deal of complaint that the high cost of campaigning is keeping able and qualified candidates out of political office. There is much to be said for that position. But the answer isn't to be found in limiting campaign expenditures or providing campaign money out of the public treasury. But by restoring a responsible party ticket, with party support for the chosen people, there would be little necessity for excessive expenditures, and the candidate who did put out a large sum would be suspect.

—Bruce Bioassat—

The recent demise of Russia's dog-carrying Sputnik II leaves the United States with a momentary monopoly on earth satellites.

The question naturally arises: Why haven't the Russians put up a satellite since Nov. 3, when it was their announced intention to launch a space vehicle each month? After Laika, the world was prepared for anything—even a rocket to the moon. Yet, nothing.

It is possible, in fact probable, that the Russians have had unpollitized difficulties. But it is hard to believe that after orbiting two large satellites in a row, they have been stumped for nearly six months—especially in view of the fact that American scientists now estimate the weight of Sputnik II to have been more like 7,000 pounds rather than the Russian announced 1,120 pounds.

Speculations run anywhere from the fact that the Russians are testing out their recent nuclear tests occupied the full efforts of the Soviets, to the possibility that they may have launched a satellite in secret.

But speculations are no more than that—speculations. The question still remains—why? "I wish I knew," one top U. S. space expert has said.

Fish Story
"Old Abe" is dead. But not in vain. He's given us something to think about as we wait for the bass to bite during the coming fishing season.
Dr. Robert Knowles, a Miami,

Portland Chamber Backs City Manager Plan

PORTLAND — The Portland Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the city manager government plan for Portland. The issue will be on the May election ballot here.

Directors of the chamber also supported the proposed \$400,000-a-year levy for urban renewal in the downtown auditorium district. They approved two tax measures which will appear on the ballot—a \$1,650,000 levy for school building and a 3 million dollar bond issue for fire equipment.

Harry's Just Wild About Harry



IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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nists on the left and the extreme nationalists on the right.

Their line goes something like this: The U. S. let France lose Indochina. The U. S. supplied small arms to Tunisia. The U. S. has not backed France to the hilt in Algeria.

And so on.

Hummm. Maybe we'd better add another grievance to their list. Something like this, for example: The United States has refused to pour any more money DOWN THE FRENCH RAT HOLE.

Interesting tax note: In the decade from 1946 to 1956, federal government spending increased 19 per cent. In the same period, state and local spending increased 20 PER CENT.

These figures are brought out in a new study entitled the Financial Challenge to the states that has just been completed by Tax Foundation, Inc.

It might be a good idea for us

to remember that economy, like charity, begins at home.

Human relations note: Down in Oakland, a high school boy is under hospital treatment for acute nephritis, a kidney infection. His father died from the same disease some years ago. Last week he expressed a desire for some fresh peaches and his mother put an ad in the paper.

A ham radio operator saw the ad and began asking fellow hams throughout the world if they knew where to get fresh peaches at this season. He established contact with a ham down in New Zealand who said there were still some fresh peaches on the trees there and he would AIR EXPRESS THEM immediately.

Which he did.

The modern world, you see, isn't all bad.

And—If you look carefully—The news in the papers isn't all bad.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

(Written for NEA Service)

The Gay Ladies, The Ladies in Pink and thousands of other volunteer workers have given unstintingly of their time to relieve pain and suffering in the hospitals of America. Some of them seldom come in direct contact with patients, but the sick benefit greatly from their service. The services rendered vary from the mental routine of sorting linen, to the skilled tasks of dealing with the emotionally fragile friends and relatives who wait for word from the doctors caring for emergency cases.

There are doubtless thousands of men and women who would gladly volunteer to help in spiritual centers all over the nation. This assumes that there could be spiritual centers serving people of all faiths who long for an emergency or permanent contact with God.

It is true that many of these spiritually frustrated souls cannot be patched up with a spot of anesthetic or a bandage of gauze. However, scores of people feel a special need for God at unexpected hours of the day or night and they do not know where to go for this moment of prayer where "two or three can gather together."

Glendale School Board Awards Fuel Contract

By MRS. GERALD FOX

Glendale School Board recently opened bids for the yearly supply of gas and oil. The Shell Oil Company was awarded the contract for both fuels.

The board approved posting of notices for sale of the school lots located near the elementary district. Voters must first approve the sale of the property at the May 3 election.

Two members of the board plan to attend the County School Board Assn. meeting Monday, and two members plan to attend the county reorganization meeting May 7.

Louis Price, faculty member, reported on the eighth grade language arts program.

The board approved the plan for electrically heating the school tank in the elementary building and decided to prohibit individual religious sects from using the school.

Elmer Spencer, seventh grade teacher who decided to return next year, was rehired. Morris Jimenez

of Southern Oregon College, was hired as basketball coach, football coach, science and physical education teacher.

The next meeting of the board will be held May 8 at 7 p.m. and will go over the school plans before the meeting. Florence Johnson will give a report on the school injuries.

Injuries Finger
Frank Brum, employed at the Superior Lumber Company in Glendale, cut off the fleshy tip of his right middle finger in a trim saw last week.

Fred Dean of Fortune Branch on Old Highway 9 between Glendale and Azalea, was taken by ambulance to the Forest Glen Hospital in Canyonville recently for diagnosis and treatment. Dean was suffering from complications of a back injury suffered when he fell while working on the Ralph Hurst ranch two weeks earlier.

The Glendale Telephone Company installed a pay station at the Glendale High School last week for the convenience of students and teachers. The public booth is located between the main entrance and the shop, below the canopy.

Tree Donated
Elma's Flower Shop in Grants Pass has offered the gift of a blue spruce eight feet tall and with a five foot spread to the Glendale Garden Club landscape committee for the high school. Members of the club will have to dig and move the tree, however, and that cannot be attempted before fall.

Mr. and Mrs. James Belcher and family were recently visited by her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Sutton of Nampa, Idaho.

Mrs. Paul Carr of Glendale returned home Sunday after spending a week visiting her parents and daughters in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fox and family of Glendale had a surprise visit this week from his brother, Joe Fox and family, who live in Bremerton, Wash.

President Eisenhower Urged To Limit Imports

DENVER — The International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers (I. M. S. W.) urged President Eisenhower Thursday night to restrict import quotas of lead and zinc without delay.

A statement issued by the union's officers said Canada should be excluded from such restrictions because its producers pay wages comparable to those in the United States.

Recently the U. S. Tariff Commission recommended quota restrictions on imports. The Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' union criticized the commission for not differentiating between importers which pay low and high wages.

LEGAL

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT

For the year ended December 31, 1957

THE CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMPANY

of San Francisco, in the State of California, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law.

ADMITTED ASSETS

Bonds \$4,818,608.00

Stocks 2,775,775.00

Mortgage loans on real estate 0

Real estate, less 90 encumbrances 485,391.32

Cash and bank deposits 950,613.57

Agents' balances or uncollected premiums 605,368.58

Interest, dividends and real estate income 41,753.42

Other assets 28,119.72

Total admitted assets \$9,648,630.06

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Losses 791,837.00

Loss adjustment expenses 42,134.00

Unearned premiums 4,348,000.00

All other liabilities 294,115.77

Total liabilities \$5,476,412.77

Capital paid up \$1,000,000.00

Special surplus 87,250.00

Unassigned funds 3,008,967.29

Surplus as regards policyholders \$4,176,217.29

Total \$9,648,630.06

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Premiums earned \$4,144,389.67

Losses incurred \$2,401,819.55

Other expenses incurred 238,406.45

Net underwriting gain or loss 1,504,163.67

Investment income 348,907.66

Interest income 1,089.50

Total, before federal income taxes 2,943,067.43

Federal income taxes 73,885.35

Net income 2,869,182.08

Dividends to stockholders \$1,150,000.00

Dividends to policyholders 0

Capital changes (net) 0

Other items affecting surplus (net) -105,267.06

Total capital and surplus (net) \$5,538,744.43

Decrease in surplus as regards policyholders 32,838.28

Direct premiums received 80,705.02

Dividends paid or credited to policyholders 22,898.47

Principal office in Oregon, Lyle A. Heer, Board of Trade Bldg., Portland 4, Oregon.

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT

For the year ended December 31, 1957

COMMERCIAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

of New York, in the State of New York, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law.

ADMITTED ASSETS

Bonds \$3,308,102.00

Stocks 2,813,050.00

Mortgage loans on real estate 0

Real estate, less 90 encumbrances 481,721.30

Cash and bank deposits 819,466.54

Agents' balances or uncollected premiums 27,023.38

Interest, dividends and real estate income 8,929.59

Other assets 0

Total admitted assets \$7,641,793.73

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Losses \$53,313.00

Loss adjustment expenses 33,708.00

Unearned premiums 3,402,951.80

All other liabilities 199,020.34

Total liabilities \$4,348,993.14

Capital paid up \$1,000,000.00

Special surplus 45,000.00

Unassigned funds 2,255,132.39

Surplus as regards policyholders \$3,306,132.39

Total \$7,641,793.73

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Premiums earned \$3,262,951.80

Losses incurred \$1,885,870.30

Other expenses incurred 184,484.47

Net underwriting gain or loss 1,536,817.03

Investment income 305,154.92

Interest income 437.36

Total, before federal income taxes 1,842,412.31

Federal income taxes 138,517.62

Net income 1,703,894.69

Dividends to stockholders 0

Dividends to policyholders 0

Capital changes (net) 0

Other items affecting surplus (net) 0

Total capital and surplus (net) \$3,306,132.39

Decrease in surplus as regards policyholders 568,675.13

Direct premiums received 8,767.31

Dividends paid or credited to policyholders 23,571.63

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SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT

For the year ended December 31, 1957

OCEAN ACCIDENT AND GUARANTEE CO., LTD.

of London, England, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law.

ADMITTED ASSETS

Bonds \$2,146,384.00

Stocks 15,729,350.00

Mortgage loans on real estate 0

Real estate, less 90 encumbrances 485,391.32

Cash and bank deposits 2,512,988.00

Agents' balances or uncollected premiums 2,655,734.91

Interest, dividends and real estate income 132,256.28

Other assets 1,821,338.87

Total admitted assets \$24,864,344.48

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

Losses \$16,426,061.00

Loss adjustment expenses 2,607,840.00

Unearned premiums 11,979,569.00

All other liabilities 1,457,339.53

Total liabilities \$32,468,009.53

Capital paid up \$1,000,000.00

Statutory deposit \$500,000.00

Special surplus 31,000.00

Unassigned funds 9,141,334.93

Surplus as regards policyholders \$10,622,334.93

Total \$24,864,344.48

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Premiums earned \$19,082,640.45

Losses incurred \$19,821,742.58

Other expenses incurred 2,499,209.86

Net underwriting gain or loss 3,560,687.99

Investment income 21,847,159.00

Interest income 2,763,538.45

Total, before federal income taxes 1,348,428.59

Federal income taxes 1,414,325.99

Net income 127,200.00

Dividends to stockholders 0

Dividends to policyholders 0

Capital changes (net) 0

Other items affecting surplus (net) 0