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COURTS AND JUDGES

By Charles V. Stanton

Many people admittedly are confused by the various "courts" and "judges" in our local and state governments. We have courts and judges at every level, up to the supreme court.

Particularly at election time, when some judges appear as candidates on nonpartisan ballots while the county judge is a party nominee, people begin asking, "how come?" The titles of "county judge" and "county court" are obsolete today and their use is confusing. The county judge once was judge of probate and juvenile matters and thus performed limited judicial duties. But those duties have now been taken over by the circuit court, so the county court becomes exclusively an administrative body. The "judge" serves as chairman of the board of commissioners, with executive, rather than judicial, duties.

Then we have judges for justice of the peace districts and municipal courts with jurisdiction over misdemeanors in their respective districts or municipalities, violations of city ordinances, traffic law violations, etc., and with authority to conduct preliminary examinations of persons accused of felonies, to determine if there is sufficient reason to hold them to a higher court.

Next comes the district court, in which the magistrate must be a member of the bar, which performs all the functions of the justice court and also acts as a small claims court.

Circuit Court Important

The court of greatest importance at the local level is the circuit court. The circuit court has jurisdiction over both criminal and civil matters. It also has assumed the probate and juvenile court duties formerly conducted by the county court.

It gains its name from the fact that in early days the judge held court in several counties composing his "circuit." It was only a few years ago, in fact, that Lane, Douglas, Coos and Curry Counties were linked in one judicial district and had only one judge. The judge would travel by horseback or horse-drawn stage, in the pioneer era of the state, to hold his court in each of the county seats.

With the growth of population it has become necessary to elect more judges and to reduce the size of districts. At the last session of the legislature Douglas County was made a separate district. It is served by two circuit judges. These two judges are assigned to "Positions." Judge Wimberly, who is retiring after this year, is judge for Position No. 1. Judge Woodruff fills Position No. 2.

According to election procedure the judicial ballot is a nonpartisan ballot. If there are more than two candidates for a vacancy, a candidate who collects a majority of all votes cast at a primary election will be the sole candidate at the general election ballot. If no candidate obtains a majority of the total vote, then the two candidates with the highest number of votes must participate in a runoff election in the fall.

Contest Is Vigorous

Where there are only two candidates for one position, the candidate who receives the majority vote will run unopposed at the general election.

That is why we find such vigorous campaigns waged in nonpartisan contests at the primary election, because a majority vote is tantamount to election. The successful candidate's name will be listed at the general election without opposition, but with room for write-in votes.

Above the circuit court we find the supreme court, the highest judicial body for the state. The supreme court has the responsibility for interpretation of the Constitution and laws, and is the court of appeal from decisions of the circuit court. It too is divided into positions, and the same rules of nonpartisan voting apply as in other judicial contests.

—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP) — He was a typical guy from out of town, a fellow who wouldn't be noticed here.

He was small but well developed. His three ears were within hearing distance. His eyes all four of them though narrow and dark, had an air of utter simplicity.

The antennas that protruded from his forehead were borned with a boyish air, one tilted as if eager to hear from a world he never had heard from, one bent to feel the world he knew.

His eyes, though green and protruding, seemed ordinary for a Monday in Manhattan. Those who noticed he had four arms during the subway crush tended to admire them and overlooked his other head. In the subway the other guy always has an edge.

Fortunately, his first reports reports back from his stranded flying saucer were recorded.

They follow:

"The place called the earth is warm and habitable. At the hour of landing it was populated.

Two-Legged Creatures:

"The inhabitants range from large aggressive two-legged creatures who call themselves men to small aggressive creatures whom men call insects. The insects have six legs, and a vocabulary of their own, which this expedition is not momentarily able to understand.

"Earth seems to be evolved in a time of struggle.

"They all have their rituals, the men and the insects, and they all seem to have their goals. The goal between the men and the insects seems to be the same, extermination. Whether they have two or six legs, they are bent on destroying each other.

"There appears no arena of agreement. Some men fight other men, some insects fight other insects, all men fight all insects, some insects fight all men.

Contenders Argue

"It is a disparate place. The contending people argue whether one man wins against each other. They all assume that their war against each other is more important than their war against the

"Careful, We're in Friendly Waters"



—Bruce Blossat—

Amid all the clamor in the past few months for government action to halt the recession, the administration has repeatedly voiced its fear that hasty and excessive measures might well cure the disease but kill the patient.

Far worse than the recession has been so far would be another upward and onward spiral of inflation.

Certain signs seem to indicate that the old bogey of inflation may still be lurking just behind the scenes.

We all know what inflation is, what it does to our pocketbooks. In general, however, wages have kept fairly even pace with rising prices for most of the population.

But there is another aspect of inflation and the accompanying demands for higher wages — not affecting too many Americans as yet, but a very real threat nevertheless.

AMERICAN WORKMEN, enjoying the highest wages in the world, can be pricing themselves out of the market in the face of rising competition from foreign countries.

This is maintained by Roger M. Blough, chairman of U.S. Steel Corporation.

In the past, America's lead in technological know-how overcame the disparity between the wages of American workers and those of foreign workers. But now that lead is rapidly being overtaken by other nations, says Mr. Blough. Higher protective tariffs offer no permanent solution, he asserts.

Raising the standard of living is one thing. But raising the cost of production without a corresponding increase in productivity is placing the producer — and the worker — at a competitive disadvantage.

Government has a vital obligation, says Blough, to reexamine tax laws which discourage investment and expansion. But the final decision rests with the American workman himself — to keep wage costs in line with productivity.

If not, he warns, "then I am very much afraid that the great St. Lawrence Seaway — when it opens next year — will be nothing more than a one-way street . . . westbound."

Auto Workers Ask Contract Stretch For Cut In Prices

DETROIT (AP) — The United Auto Workers were expected to offer the auto industry a three-month contract extension today in return for a cut in car prices and a boost in unemployment benefits.

The reported plan, to be served on General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp., would extend present contracts from the end of next month until Sept. 8.

In return, the auto builders would be asked to slash car prices by an unspecified amount and increase supplemental unemployment benefits from the present 60 to 65 per cent of worker take-home pay to 80 per cent.

Some 450,000 of the UAW's 1,250,000 members are now laid off.

If the industry accepts the contract extension, the current pacts would run out just as it was ready to introduce its 1959 models. Observers said this would give the UAW a bargaining advantage since so many UAW members now are laid off and a strike at this time to back up contract demands would do little more than help the industry out of production of an already overstocked market.

A General Motors spokesman, told of the reported offer, said: "The way it reads I don't think we'd go for it." Ford and Chrysler declined comment.

The UAW is seeking a profit-sharing plan, a wage increase and other benefits in negotiations on present contracts.

Another facet of the new proposal would have the union joining with the Big Three in urging the federal government to do away with the 10 per cent auto excise tax as a means of beefing up auto sales.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Diefenbacher, D.D.

(Written for NEA Service)

Telephone booths are located along the highways, on street corners, in shops and in public buildings all over the nation. Anyone can step into a booth and almost instantaneously get in touch with persons to whom he desires to talk. This service is based on faith in a human and mechanical system which has worked very satisfactorily. Even when a call does not go through the caller does not lose faith.

There is a system of communications with God which has been in use more centuries than has the telephone system. God never gives His children a busy signal. He does not charge us with the minute. He never gets His signals missed. Tell us what we want Him to say. He does not argue with us as do some of our friends. He is not selfish and He never loses His temper nor uses foul language. We ought to have as much use for prayer and as much faith in this system as we have in the telephone. We need to learn to use the available prayer booths as readily as we use telephone booths.

Yeggs Balk Their Job With Accidental Fire

JERSEY CITY, N. J. (AP) — Some nights it just doesn't pay for a dishonest safecracker to get out of bed.

A group of them did Sunday night and ended up scrambling for their lives.

Police said the yeggs had just started working on a safe at the Swift Trucking Co. warehouse here when sparks from their torch apparently ignited a sheaf of records nearby.

The thieves, unable to beat out the flames, beat a quick retreat from the one-story brick building — minus their intended loot.

Firemen who put out the flames said damage to the building was moderate.

Sports

Sports In Brief

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GOLF

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Stan Leonard, of Vancouver, B.C., shot a 4-under-par 68 for a 72-hole total of 275 and won the \$10,000 first prize in the Tournament of Champions as Billy Casper, the leader for 3 rounds, finished with 276.

PINEHURST, N.C. — Dick Chapman won the North and South Amateur, defeating Herb Durham 11 and 10.

LAFAYETTE, La. — Jay Herbert, a Lafayette native, fired his fourth straight subpar round, a four-under-par 67, for a total 273 and won the \$15,000 Lafayette Open.

DALLAS — Rain washed out the Women's Dallas Open in the second round, forcing a postponement until September.

TRACK

DES MOINES — Alex Henderson, an Australian miler from Arizona State at Tempe was named the outstanding athlete of the Drake Relays.

PHILADELPHIA — Ira Davis of LaSalle was named the outstanding athlete of the Penn Relays.

TENNIS

PALERMO, Sicily — Nicola Pietrangeli, Italian Davis Cup player, won the men's singles title in Palermo's International Tournament by defeating Australia's Mervyn Rose 7-5, 6-4, 8-6.

ATLANTA — Dick Savitt won the Atlanta Invitational with a 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Ham Richardson.

RACING

NEW YORK — Kingmaker (\$15.00) led all the way in the Excelsior Handicap at Jamaica.

ALBANY, Calif. — Seaneed (\$5.80) set a track record of 1:40.4 for the mile and won the \$25,000 Sacramento Handicap at Golden Gate Fields.

LAUREL, Md. — Oligarchy (\$4) survived a stretch challenge and took the \$28,725 Laurel Handicap by a nose over Paper Tiger.

LOUISVILLE — Belleau Chief (\$20) beat Gone Fishin' by a nose in Stepping Stone Purse at Churchill Downs as Silky Sullivan finished fourth. Jockey Willie Harack suffered a broken leg when thrown from his mount in the second race.

Standings

NORTHERN DIVISION

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	W	L	Pct.
Washington State	2	0	1.000
Oregon State	2	0	1.000
Oregon	2	0	1.000
Idaho	1	4	.200
Washington	0	3	.000

Saturday's Results

Washington State 9, Washington 6

Oregon 8, Idaho 2

Oregon Loses AAU Bid For Track To Colorado

PORTLAND (AP) — Buck Grayson, Oregon AAU chairman, expressed disappointment Saturday that Eugene was not chosen as site of the 1959 national track meet.

He added a hope that Oregon might get it some year in the future.

Boulder, Colo., was picked for the 1959 event.

Oregon Netters Win

SEATTLE (AP) — University of Oregon tennismen barely extended themselves Saturday in upsetting Seattle University's racket wielders, 7-0.

Bearcats Stop Pacific

FOREST GROVE, Ore. (AP) — A 3-1 win was scored by Willamette over Pacific in Northern Division tennis play Saturday.

Safety Awards Given To Lumber Companies

PENICHTON, B. C. (AP) — Pat Reiten, personnel manager for the Simpson Logging Co. of Portland, was chosen new chairman of the Forest Products Safety Conference here Saturday.

Other officers elected were: Vice-chairman, J. K. Lewis, Raynham, Ind.; Honorary Secretary, E. A. Rolles, Wenatchee, Wash.; Treasurer, Dennis Nichols, U. S. Plywood Corp., Seattle; Statistician, Frank White, Empire Box Co., Vancouver, B. C.

Named to the executive committee as members at large were: John Stenz, Simpson Logging Co., William Webster, Tahsis Company Ltd., and Anthony Douglas, B. C. Lumber Manufacturers Association, both of Vancouver, B. C.; George Labusque, Crown Zellerbach Corp., Portland; H. Chandler Drew, Medford Corp., Medford, Ore.

Land Bank Of Spokane To Reduce Interest Rate

SPOKANE (AP) — The Federal Land Bank of Spokane will put a reduced interest rate into effect next Thursday, the bank's president announced Saturday.

Fred A. Knutsen said the reduction from 5 1/2 to 5 per cent interest will apply on loans already on the books and those in the process of being closed as well as new ones.

He said the reduction, approved by the bank's directors this week, "is in keeping with a policy of extending credit at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound business practices."

The reduction on the outstanding and pending loans, Knutsen said, should represent an annual interest savings of more than \$10,000 for some 2,000 ranchers and farmers in the four Northwest states.

The bank's loans are made and serviced by 45 local farmer-owned national farm loan associations in the four states.

Ring Record

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MILAN, Italy — Mino Bozzano, 190½, Italy, outpointed Joey Maxim, 190½, Cleveland, 10.

PANAMA — Jesus Santamaria, 126½, Panama, outpointed Prince Johnson, 126½, New York, 10.

WINDSOR, Ont. — Will Greaves, 159, Edmonton, stopped Cobby McCluskey, 157, Charlottetown, N.S., 4.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — Eddie Gaspora, 131, Los Angeles, knocked out Julian Velasquez, 150½, Los Angeles, 10.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Jimmy Martinez, 160, Phoenix, outpointed Woody Winslow, 156, San Diego, 10.

MELBOURNE — Max Carlos, 138½, Australia, outpointed Germano Cavallieri, 139, Italy, 12.

EOC Wins Twin Bill

LA GRANDE, Ore. (AP) — Eastern Oregon swept a baseball doubleheader with Oregon Tech, 3-2, 8-7, Saturday, punching across the winning runs in the final innings of both games.

BOWLING

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	W	L	Pts.
Lynn Bros. Tex.	21	9	23
Bob's Flying A	20	12	20
Mary's Cafe	20	12	20
Vedder's	18	14	18
Riddle Drug	17	15	17
Ben Franklin	12	20	12
Riddle Hdw.	10	22	10
U. S. National	9	23	9

Team Results: Vedder's 3, Riddle Drug 1; Lynn Bros. 4, U. S. National 0; Mary's Cafe 3, Ben Franklin 1; Bob's Flying A 3, Riddle Hardware 1.

High series: Carol Delaney (146-162-154) 462 Bob's Flying A. High game: Jean George 175, Riddle Hardware.

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