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PARTY ACCOUNTABILITY

By Charles V. Stanton

Mark Hatfield, the Republican candidate for governor, now serving as secretary of state, is said by *The News-Review*, my favorite family journal, to have told Oregon State College students recently that he believes: "A state government should be administered for all the people instead of along party lines." The candidate also is quoted in the press report of making the statement that: "A governor should leave his party label outside his office."

Both Hatfield and Governor Holmes appear to be candidates who delight in telling people pleasing things. They have both promised lower taxes, quite obviously an impossibility if the state is to progress, both are working to make themselves popular with the masses. They say many things that neither of them, in my opinion, has any expectation of advocating, more than in token measure, if elected.

Hatfield, of course, was talking about the appointments made by Governor Holmes. For that I don't blame him. Governor Holmes most apparently has made his appointments with the purpose of building up a personal machine. Little attention has been paid to qualifications of the man appointed, other than the fact that he spent liberally on the party's behalf. He has put men of political influence into jobs where they have had no previous qualification. He has cost the taxpayers of Oregon thousands of dollars by discharging qualified and informed men who refuse to be his political stooges.

Spoils System At Work

I don't blame Governor Holmes in the least for making appointments from his own party. The spoils system still is in operation throughout the United States. But no governor in Oregon's long history, to my knowledge, has ever used party contributions as a measure of qualification as has Governor Holmes, nor has any governor attempted to unseat as many appointed officers, nor paid less attention to the qualifications of those named. He actually had the nerve to boast that he had named more than 90 per cent of his appointments from the Democratic Party, and would have made more if the law permitted. In Douglas County, he even circumvented the spirit, if not the actual letter, of the law in his appointment of a district attorney. His appointments to the Game Commission, the State Water Resources Board, the Department of Planning and Industry, the State Fair and elsewhere, where he unseated informed, capable, industrious and non-political appointees give ample evidence of the Holmes treatment with reference to the spoils system.

I can agree with Candidate Hatfield that men should be named to public service because of qualification and not on the basis of party affiliation or ability to make substantial financial contribution to party welfare.

Strong Party Needed

On the other hand, I disagree most vigorously with Candidate Hatfield that the party should be left outside the governor's office. I disagree that the political party should not enter into state politics.

We have come to a sorry state, in my opinion, when parties count for so little that they can be discarded by any candidate, Republican or Democrat. Hatfield asked the Republicans for their nomination. Now, judging from press reports, he's trying to soft-pedal party affiliation. If he has been quoted accurately, he feels the name of Republicanism is a handicap and he prefers to go it alone.

His expression, as quoted by the press, is the very thing I have complained about so often in this column. Every candidate becomes a self-starter. No allegiance is owed any party. Party platforms aren't worth the paper they're written on. No party has discipline nor authority over its candidates.

In my opinion we need party caucuses in which only acceptable candidates are given party approval and in which the candidate becomes accountable to the party. Only then will we be assured of good government, in my opinion.

—Warren Rogers Jr.—

Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Alice in Wonderland quality sometimes evident in U.S. relations with Red China often finds expression in public statements by admirals and generals.

There is at times the impression that the State Department and the Pentagon are pursuing different policies.

Secretary of State Dulles and Acting Secretary of Defense Quarles have taken steps to erase any such impression from the minds of the people who work under them.

Quarles told a news conference last Thursday: "In tense times such as these, almost any statement regarding the military situation has political overtones, and frequently overtones that might not be realized on the other side of the Pacific. We are asking people to be very careful about comments about the military situation that could take on political implications."

Instructions Sent Out

Similar instructions have been sent out by Dulles.

Quarles' comment came two days after the U.S. Pacific air commander, Gen. Laurence S. Kuter, credited Nationalist air victories and U.S. blockade-running for Red China's cease-fire offer in the Formosa Strait.

Ku's statement, in a Tokyo interview, upset top officials at the State Department. It was not the first time that a top military man on the scene had spoken out about matters in the current China crisis which U.S. diplomats were trying to handle with kid gloves.

Kuter's statement was particularly unwelcome at the State Department because it came after

Red China's cease-fire. Department officials wondered if it might bring the whole delicate structure of a modus vivendi—some way to get along with Peiping—crashing about their ears.

Goal to Stop Shooting

Dulles' main goal, ever since the Red Chinese started shooting at the Nationalists' offshore islands on Aug. 23, has been to stop the shooting. Whether the Reds stopped for humanitarian reasons, as Peiping claimed, or because they were failing, as Kuter says, or to negotiate a settlement, as Dulles offered, was beside the point, so far as the State Department is concerned. The point was they had stopped.

"Face" is important to all peoples, but especially to the Chinese. If the Reds were looking for an excuse to call off all bets and raise some ruckus, statements questioning their motives or implying weakness might provide that excuse.

Red China's main goal now appears not so much to conquer the Nationalist, coastal islands and headquarters on Formosa as to remove the American presence from the Formosa area.

"We are all Chinese," the Communists now say. And they are ready to exploit any possible justification for their propaganda cry that "America is the common enemy."

SNAKY ERROR

DALLAS (AP)—Mrs. W. D. Hatfield, 28, had trouble convincing her husband Friday about that vacuum cleaner cord that wiggled at her touch.

It turned out to be a charcoal-colored snake, 18 inches long and nonpoisonous.

Reader Opinions

'Sleeper' Noted In Bill On Legislators' Salaries

The last legislature, (A Democratic legislature), submitted a constitutional amendment to the voters. On the ballot next Nov. 4th, this will be called Proposition No. 3, with the purpose of raising the salaries of legislators from the present \$600.00 to \$1200.00 per year. Goodness knows Oregon has always been niggardly in paying its legislators, and in a conscience the salary, mentioned in the amendment is still far from what other states allow their lawmakers. The present salary may even fail to meet expenses, and doubling it would still leave it pitifully small.

Unfortunately, Proposition No. 3 carries a "sleeper" which entitles any future legislature to vote themselves any amount of money as expenses. We wonder if the last (Democratic) legislature slipped that in inadvertently, or simply failed to spot it in time to make a change. Was it intentional or was it an error? In either event, it is inexcusable. Some limit must be included, or we may find some future legislature hitting the poor taxpayer another belt below the belt.

We Oregonians should pay our servants enough that we can't afford to leave ourselves wide open to treasury raiding, which the present bill could well allow. What can we do? Beat this very poor amendment, first, and secondly, elect a Republican legislature and have them submit the proper amendment at the next election. We heartily favor the increase in salary, but deeply fear what could, and might happen if this loosely drawn amendment should be voted into our constitution.

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In The Day's News

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yourself by a simple experiment. Stand a candle on the table. Pass an orange around it. Rotate the orange at such a rate that when you have passed the orange clear around the candle it will be back where it started from.

If you will do that carefully, you will note that at no point in the circle has the other side of the orange been illuminated by the light of the candle.

That is the way the moon rotates around the earth.

We may fail in our first try. It's a difficult job. At the time the rocket named The Pioneer was fired, the moon was about 220,000 miles from the earth. To intercept the moon, the rocket will have to travel about 250,000 miles.

The rocket will have to LEAD the moon—as a hunter "leads" a duck. It will have to "aim where it ain't hit it where it is." If you ever shot a duck, you will know that takes some doing.

Why will the rocket, if it is successful, CIRCLE the moon instead of hitting it kerplunk?

It's like this: When it leaves the pull of earth's gravity, it will sail in free space. When it enters the pull of the moon's gravity, it will be attracted toward the moon. It is hoped that it will then orbit around the moon as the Sputniks orbit around the earth.

What good will a look at the other side of the moon do us? What good did a look at the other side of the mountain do the bear? The bear just WANTED TO SEE IT. Perhaps he thought the other side of the mountain might have better berries on it.

Following the same thinking, we're not sure but there may be precious minerals on the moon.

In closing, the 64 TRILLION dollar question:

If we succeed in this first experimental flight, off our outer space—or in other flights that will follow—will it be good for us? Or will it be bad for us?

Consider this: The Dark Ages followed the fall of Rome. Rome fell because she bit off more than she could chew. In an effort to run the world, she spread herself too thin. The inevitable followed.

Remember this: Twenty-odd centuries ago, Rome and Carthage stood in the world of then where the U. S. and Russia stand in the world of now.

Rome destroyed Carthage. The rest—including the Dark Ages—followed in sequence.

A thought:

The voyage of Columbus—which was too dissimilar to our attempted voyage into outer space—rekindled mankind's HOPE and lifted the world out of the Dark Ages.

Maybe interspace exploration can divert mankind's attention away from the battle to the death that will ensue if the United States and Russia follow the tragic course that was followed by Rome and Carthage.

Book Sequel Film Rights Bought For Half Million

GILMANTON, N. H. (AP)—Grace Metalious' author of the best selling novel "Peyton Place," says 20th Century Fox Studios has bought movie rights to a sequel for half a million dollars.

The sequel will be titled "Return to Peyton Place." Mrs. Metalious said the deal, completed in New York this week, also includes film rights to "The Tight White Collar," another novel nearing completion.

—Saul Pett—

NEW YORK (AP)—People, especially female people, pass through fascinating attitudes.

To an infant learning to use her fingers, the telephone is an object of curiosity, especially the holes in the dialing. To the baby learning to walk and reach up, the phone is an enticing target to be pulled down with a crash. To a healthy girl of 10 or 11, the phone is a fine instrument of torture.

At this age, they call people with the oddest names in the directory to tease them. Or they call their school teacher, wait until she says hello several times before they giggle and hang up. But it is in the teens that a girl develops a passion for the phone from which she never recovers.

At this age, as every rattled father knows, using the phone involves three basic ground rules. You never talk 10 minutes when you can talk 45. You must talk with your head down, knees or legs up, and the blood rushing to your head. Regardless of text, you must always, but always, talk in absolute, fool-proof, spy-proof, younger-sister-proof secrecy.

Thus when phoning a girl friend you saw only 20 minutes ago, you must drag the phone into the closet or bathroom and bolt the door.

Whisper To Party
You whisper to the party of the second part: "Guess what?" Then pause. This is the signal for the other girl to bolt her doors and windows and set up a maximum security watch. Finally, she asks, "What?" and you say in hushed, sepulchral tones: "I saw HIM today."

Here, at least a full moment of silence must follow until the message sinks in, down to the last red and white capsule of both parties. Then, 28 minutes later, the situation becomes clearer. It turns out that she did see HIM.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

SALEM'S NOBLE EXPERIMENT

Salem Capital Journal

It's a fair guess that during the next year Salem will draw far more than its normal share of visiting educators. They'll be here to view the first formal test of an idea people have talked about for decades but never have tried—college-level courses for bright high school students.

The state's General Extension Division is working with the two Salem high schools, the state colleges and Willamette University in setting up after-school, college-level courses for volunteer high school students. Test students won't replace regular high school courses with these classes; instead, credit will be reserved until later. Upon enrollment in one of the participating colleges, the term hours of the course or courses taken will be put on the student's record.

At present a high school student could attend regular college-level adult night classes and achieve the same end in most cases. Acceptance of such credits, however, is not guaranteed. Nor is there any recognition of such courses by high schools. The result is that it's rarely been done.

If the pilot program functions well, similar courses may be scheduled elsewhere in the state and more colleges may agree to accept such credits. Obviously the program would function best if such credits were valid anywhere in the country. But this is the first trial of the scheme in America and widespread adoption could come only after a period of use.

The idea has so many areas of promise that it's amazing it hasn't been implemented before.

If a student, who has been held back to the learning pace of the average student, it doubtless would increase the proportion of those going on to college by convincing them that they can do the work and can find interest in it.

It also would tend to boost the percentage of students going on to graduate schools. With their head start most would complete all requirements for graduation a term early and would take graduate-level courses which could be transferred to graduate school records later.

Too, it's conceivable that this program will be a means of discovering a whole new group of able students—if the directors don't set requirements for applicants too high. Some instructors are convinced that boredom, resulting from too little challenge causes

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D.D.

(Written for NEA Service)

Mirrors can create illusions of bigness. A wall covered by a reflecting surface can make a room appear to be twice the size that it really is. In some cases the illusion is so complete that one can walk into the glass wall before he realizes that he has really come to the limit of the room.

The illusion of the mirror is generally dispelled by the reflection of ourselves. When we see ourselves as others see us we realize that the limit of reality is at the line of the reflecting barrier.

As we look about us we must not be misled by mirrored illusions. Let us look directly ahead of us so that we may know whether we see reality or merely a reflection of our narrow selves. Mirrors reflect reality. They do not enlarge it.

FIVE KOREANS KILLED

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—Five Koreans entered an off-limits American artillery area near Seoul and were killed by an explosion, the U. S. Army announced today. The Army said one of them apparently triggered a live artillery shell.

Great Chicago Fire Reenacted At Site Thursday

CHICAGO (AP)—The great Chicago fire of 1871 was re-enacted Thursday at the site where the conflagration started, supposedly after Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern.

The small fire in the reproduction of the O'Leary barn didn't cause any trouble for the firemen, but the cow, a brown Swiss, was a balky bossy and wound up playing the leading role.

To start off, Fireman John Baldwin, wearing a polka dot gown and bonnet in his role as Mrs. O'Leary, led the cow into the barn and tied her in a stall. She balked. Baldwin led her outside and then tried to lead her back in, but she wouldn't go.

Fire Commissioner Robert Quinn took the lead, and the cow responded to authority, calmly clumping into another stall. Baldwin then sat on a milking stool and got a fair flow of milk in a bucket. Then the cow was again led outside as it was time to burn the barn.

Stockyard workers sought to load her on a truck. She balked again, broke loose, and ran a block with six men in pursuit. She was recaptured but refused to get

into the truck. Firemen finally got her aboard. Then the barn was set and the program went off as planned. This was the last fire on the historic West Side site, the fire department said. Construction will start soon on a \$15-million-dollar building, the department's Fire Academy. The re-enactment was in connection with observance of Fire Prevention Week.

In the fire of 1871, which started Oct. 8, more than 300 persons died, some 90,000 were made homeless, and property damage was estimated at more than 200 million dollars.

THINK

What is a lifetime membership in any organization worth? If the organization lasts the lifetime of the member and they have paid a reasonable price for their memberships then they have purchased a bargain. But if, they paid a price for a lifetime membership and the organization closes its doors, what happens to the lifetime membership? So the important question is this: Whose lifetime are you paying for, yours or the organization's? That's why we say shop before you buy and think before you buy.

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