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ABUSE OF PRIVILEGE

By Charles V. Stanton

It is my opinion that privileges normally extended by newspapers are being abused. In this opinion I realize I am in a minority position. But, already having been catalogued as a "crusty" individual, I've taken what I know will be an unpopular position with a good many people, including some of my fellow editors.

But *The News-Review* is refusing to publish in the Reader Opinion column letters from candidates for office or from people submitting letters of out-and-out political endorsement or criticism of a candidate, where such endorsement or criticism patently is designed for campaign purposes.

Letters from readers are greatly desired. It is our purpose, in most cases, to give free rein to writers. We are most appreciative of letters in which writers express opinions on subjects of interest. We hope more people will write and give opinions.

But we object to the use of this column for purely advertising purposes. Particularly do we object to what, in our opinion, is a plain abuse of the privilege of expression the newspaper gives its readers.

Campaign In Progress

Currently there is in progress a very vigorous letter writing campaign of criticism of some of our political candidates.

From the nature of the letters being received, it would be my conclusion that this campaign is being directed from the headquarters of a rival candidate. For example, it would appear that a candidate has persuaded certain of his friends to write endorsements of his own campaign, while offering criticism of his rival.

These letters, submitted to newspapers for publication, may very definitely be classified as political advertising material. *The News-Review* would be most pleased to publish these letters as paid advertisements, but use of the newspaper forum for free political advertising purposes is a form of abuse we will not accept.

A good many other newspapers, we note, are accepting and are publishing the letters. They doubtless operate on the theory—one we have held previously—that both sides should be permitted considerable privilege. If a person doesn't approve of, or agree with, what has been printed, he has the right to answer.

That theory has much to commend it. Within reasonable limits I am willing to accept it. But I feel newspapers are being imposed upon and are being damaged because of their own tolerance.

Space Chiseled

In connection with one of our recent elections this newspaper sought to publish all the political letters it received. A good many letters for one candidate came in the mail. These letters bore signatures of various people. But nearly all came in identical envelopes, addressed by a typewriter having a certain peculiarity of type, and each carrying a form of address somewhat foreign to the general style.

It seemed obvious that one person was either writing or having the letters written, then mailing them from a central source. We considered the mystery solved when a letter written on the candidate's own typewriter showed the same peculiarities as did the machine on which the envelopes were addressed. Earlier we had suspicion the envelopes were the case and had made an investigation which assured us the signatures were genuine, so, the letters were printed.

That candidate collected column upon column of free advertising in the newspaper. But he spent the greater part of his campaign advertising funds with television and radio.

Why should he do any paid advertising in newspapers when he had obtained all that space free?

The same thing, in only slightly different form, seemingly is being practiced today.

After having been made a sucker once, I'm not in the mood to be suckered again!

Letters pertaining to issues, policies, philosophies, etc., are greatly desired. But letters of pure out-and-out campaign advertising will not be used.

On the other hand, we'll be very glad to sell advertising space to all who desire to offer legitimate endorsement or criticism. Our advertising department will be happy to assist in ad preparation.

Hal Boyle

Bank Robbing Is Generally Considered A Lonely Act

NEW YORK (AP)—Things a correspondent might never know if he didn't open his mail: Bank robbing is generally a lonely act. Seventy-five per cent of all bank robberies are committed by one person, one person per bank, that is.

You may think you sleep like a log, but you don't. Most sleepers twist or turn from 20 to 40 times during the night.

Remember the hula hoop fad of a few years back? British soccer players still use the hoops for training, and claim they're tops for keeping stomach muscles in trim.

Hey there, Santa Claus! Some business firms are now paying up to \$2 a pound for reindeer hair, which is in big demand for making Milady's winter coats.

More than 200,000 brides this year will be 17 years of age or younger, but the bulk of the marrying girls will be in the 18 to 20 range.

You're foolish if you pride yourself on making snap judgments. Recent psychological testing indicates snap decisions are usually bad decisions—and that slightly maladjusted people are fully as capable of making sound, fast decisions as those of us who fit our environment like a glove.

It was Marcus Porcius Cato, Roman statesman, who remarked, "I had rather men should ask why no statue has been erected in my honor, than why one has."

RESOURCES SECRETARY. TUSCON, Ariz. (AP)—Tuscon Mayor Lew Davis was swamped with work for several weeks. Finally he had time to dig through a pile of appointment requests.

He noticed a familiar name. He took a second look and realized his secretary, Mrs. Rae Dellinger, had requested an appointment the next afternoon in order to discuss the mayor's appointment schedule.

Reader Opinions

Loop-Holes Of Law Deplored By Reader

To The Editor:

One day last month three boys, ages 15, 17, and 19, entered a general store walked directly to the rear to the sporting goods department and, with the 15 year old boy as a "look-out," the 19 year old stepped behind the glass enclosed gun display counter—obviously meant for employees only—and with calm deliberation succeeded in opening the back door to the counter and in the crouched position obtained a white-handled revolver that was on display. While still in his crouched position, the gun was tucked into his trouser waistline and, with his loose fitting shirt over his trousers, the gun was concealed.

With brazen intent and being aware that he had been observed by a shopper he made his way to the front store exit. When it became obvious to him, through the frantic indication of his 15-year-old friend that two employees were informed of the situation by two observers, he again made his way back to the gun counter, with the revolver still concealed, remarking to his friend "I guess I've been caught." He hastily threw the gun back into the counter through the doors left open by him. This was also witnessed.

Nonchalantly buying a package of pastry he left the store.

If it were his intent to purchase a gun why did he not ask the price of same from one of the clerks? Why the concealment? Before leaving the parking lot the group was questioned as to who had the gun (there were six people in the car) and the 19 year old finally admitted he did, but said he was merely demonstrating to his friends how to carry the revolver!

When questioned he stated he was from California enroute to Klamath Falls. Seems strange that a detour of over 120 miles had been made just to buy a package of pastry? Investigation revealed they are from a neighboring community in Douglas County and have been for years a problem to the local police.

A subsequent hearing before the grand jury brought a "not true bill!" Could all the evidence have been presented and the two eye witness sworn testimony been weighed against the accused? The District Attorney advised me by telephone that the "intent to shop-lift was not proven."

It is a known fact many business, professional and law officers have had this frustrating verdict. What an incentive for the continuation of thievery for this group and an excellent education for the 15 year old boy, who should have been attending school instead of being an accomplice to the above procedure of seemingly trying to get something for nothing! What can be done to stop the loopholes in the laws, to eliminate the loss of thousands of dollars a year through shop-lifting and other attempted thievery?

We're eager to contribute whatever is necessary and know the cooperation of many like us will be available. Lets end this futile attempt for the law enforcement officers who spend hours of investigation only to learn that through a technicality of the law the accused again is free to repeat and repeat!

Jane Porter
Tiller Store
Tiller, Oregon

Reader Says Kennedy Uses Beer Tavern Lingo

To The Editor:

My memory drifts back to a time several years ago.

It seems to me that we were amazed and disgusted with some remarks attributed to our first national citizen in his reference to a prominent newspaper columnist.

I was so pleased to have a change to a gentleman who was, and is, so well balanced; possessing a vocabulary broad enough to use the English language to make himself understood.

Now, according to the papers of May 10, I learn, with much disgust, that quotations from our present first national citizen contain beer tavern language—vulgarity.

I ask you, what has become of decorum, refinement, culture, self-respect?

Martin L. Sory
922 S. E. Mill St.
Roseburg, Ore.

Soil Stewardship Week Set For End Of Month

To The Editor:

Soil Stewardship Week, May 27 through June 3, is a time to renew our responsibility as good stewards of our soil, water and timber resources.

We are losing our real estate acre by acre by way of erosion. One generation of people replaces another, but productive soil destroyed by erosion is seldom restorable and never replaceable.

Conservation and good stewardship of the basic resources become a matter of national interests necessary to the continuing welfare of our people.

Unless ways are found to better conserve our fresh water, the United States in a generation or two will lack enough water to meet its basic needs. It has been made doubly clear to us that our great forest is like a giant sponge in storing up our water and letting it out as needed. After all, shouldn't we be stewards of our timber as well as of our land?

We, as a nation, are not faced with timber shortage. There is no timber famine in sight. Though shortages of varying kinds may be expected. On the other hand, it is

equally clear that there is little danger of timber becoming a surplus crop.

Our program is not to replace, or establish something new, but rather our interest is to bring to man's attention his moral obligation of stewardship to God, to his fellow man and to generations yet unborn.

Oregon's 60 Soil Conservation Districts have proved themselves in the lead, and to continue, we must find and put to use new ways of improvement.

Whatever we do this year must be improved upon next year. As farmers, ranchers and timberland owners, we must recognize and exercise our responsibilities as good stewards of our land, water and timber resources.

M. A. Sprague,
State Chairman, Stewardship Week,
Selma, Oregon

Voters Should Make Their Own Decisions

To The Editor:

A year or so ago we were deep in thought.

"Should we, or should we not have daylight time?" That was the subject demanding our attention. I wrote then expressing my thoughts on the subject. My ideas have not changed.

I will abide by what the voters decide. I may differ with them as to why, but I'll do my best to cooperate.

I liked the letter from Mrs. T. Stein in Wednesday's paper. I am not acquainted with the lady, but I thought she used good reasoning. She seemed to be thinking of her fellowmen and their desires. That is always a good beginning and a good ending. If we could only forget all selfish desires, and think of others, how much better this world would be to live in.

No, we can't always agree. To do so would be deceiving ourselves as well as others. We do not all think alike, but we can try to be agreeable. Therein lies the difference.

Let us all try to make this a better world by voting honestly. I'm not a politician, nor trying to talk like one.

I liked a few choice words used by the editor in advising a study of the background of people and measures upon which we vote. He didn't say it exactly in those words, but that is what he meant.

The thoughts of different people are all important when it comes to selecting a person for office, or in deciding any issue, local or otherwise. We can gain a wider view of things by thinking about them, not by doing something because someone tells us it is the right thing to do. We should make fair and impartial decisions—our own decisions.

That seemed to me to be Mrs. Stein's idea. She doesn't say we "must" do it, but, rather, "please try it."

Whether the people decide to have fast time or not, whether it will work or not, I don't know.

So, let's all think seriously on the measures and the people we vote for. Then if we err we at least haven't done so because of another's invitation.

Mrs. Elmer Schlender
2290 S. W. Landers Ave.
Roseburg, Ore.

Truett Says Changes Due Parking Meters

To The Editor:

Disagreement is not my reason for writing you in response to your editorial, "Parking Meter Gripe," but rather in agreement.

Working very closely with my meter maintenance man, and at the time we installed the new meters in the downtown area, I advised him to leave the 12-minute meters at their present location until we had finished installing the new meters and converting the older ones to our present two hours.

On April 19, we started another parking study which will include, when completed, the changing of a certain number of 12-minute meters, and to ascertain if we can make more use of our present street parking. It will be another two or three weeks before I am ready to make a report to our city manager.

This type of situation often happens in short-term meters and loading zones where a study must be made every three or four years, due to the fact that some business places are closed down for a general relocation of other businesses to where they may not need a loading zone or a short-term meter.

One reason that we do have so many 12-minute meters is that they act as a loading zone for the place of business from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., and it is very true that many trucks instead of using the space will double park in order to do their loading and unloading, and in many cases the parking space, while it is about twenty-three feet in length, is too short for a ton and a half truck.

I want to express my appreciation for your interest, and I have enjoyed very much reading your editorial, and I am sure that our study will result in some changes for the short-term meter.

John T. Truett,
Chief of Police
City Hall
Roseburg, Ore.

Belle Fund Hits Top

PORTLAND (AP)—The fund to purchase Belle the elephant and her baby for the Portland zoo went over the top today.

Officials said a total of \$30,000 was raised by public subscription to purchase Belle and her baby, Packy, from their owner—Morgan Berry of Seattle.

Berry also gave the city two more elephants that had been boarding at the zoo.

Here's The Way Campaign Races Shape Up For Oregon Primaries

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oregon's primary election is only four days away.

As the end of the campaign nears, this is the way the contest shapes up:

The more than 800,000 voters have shown moderate enthusiasm over a few local issues but no great interest in the major races.

Republicans have their principal state-wide attention centered on six candidates for the task of trying to unseat Democratic Sen. Wayne L. Morse.

Democrats have been watching two well known political figures who vote for the governor nomination in the hope of upsetting Republican Gov. Mark Hatfield in November.

Winners Face Task

In each case the winner will have a formidable task in the fall.

The Democrats have two brisk congressional contests. Interest in the Democrats believe they see for picking up at least one seat in Congress: In the 4th District, where Dr. Edwin Durno, in Congress for one term, decided to run for the Senate this year in an effort to beat Morse.

Six years ago Douglas McKay dropped out of President Eisenhower's cabinet with a similar aim but fell short. That was the year Morse ran for the first time as a Democrat. He had been elected twice before as a Republican.

Sig Unander, former state treasurer and long active in state politics, is Durno's leading opponent for the November race against Morse. The four other candidates have labored against the handicap of being less well known, a handicap made greater by the voters' casual attention to the election. They are Harold M. Livingston, R. F. Cook, Glenn E. Brixey and Jim Bacaloff.

Morse Has Opposition

Morse has opposition too — Charles E. Gilbert, a crane operator who says Morse doesn't speak adequately for rank and file workers — but it is regarded as doubtful that it will be enough to show whether Democrats who supported John F. Kennedy for president harbor any resentment against Morse for his campaign against Kennedy in the 1960 Oregon presidential primary.

Some observers think that race took some of the luster from Morse but few say they think it will make material difference in his re-election strength.

State Rep. Carl Fisher, 36, Eugene radio station executive, is unopposed in the Republican primary, but will have his work cut out for him in holding the 4th Congressional District for his party. Former Rep. Charles O. Porter — who was unseated by Durno — two years ago — has been having the state's liveliest contest with Robert B. Duncan, speaker of the state House, and Robert W. Straub, former state central committee chairman, for the Democratic nomination. Patrick M. Flynn, Eugene fireman, makes it a four-man race.

Demos Lead Registration

In the 4th District the Democrats now have a 23,502 voter registration lead. But Durno unseated Porter in the fall of 1960 when the Democratic margin was 24,239.

In the 1st District Rep. Walter Norblad, in Congress since 1945, is unopposed on the Republican

side. Blaine Whipple, 32, former state party executive secretary, and Willis A. West, chief of the Multnomah County district attorney's civil department, have been making a stronger than usual effort on the Democratic side, buoyed by the dwindling GOP majority in the district. Four years ago it was 12,600, two years ago 8,600 and this year 4,200.

Action in the other districts has been quiet. Democratic Rep. Al Ullman is unopposed in the 2nd in the primary.

On the GOP side, Bend publisher Robert W. Chandler appears well ahead of Everett Thoren, Elgin lumberman who has been a resident of the state only since 1959.

And in the 3d District, Democratic Rep. Edith Green stayed in Washington. Mrs. Audrey Henry, Portland housewife of the far right, and Howard Steinbach, Portland druggist of conservative beliefs, are her opponents. The Republicans have two political unknowns — druggist Stanley Hartwell, a partner of the Demo-

cratic Steinbach, and truck driver Wint Blackwell. Both are conservatives.

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton, midway in his term, and former Senate President Walter J. Pearson have been making what at times has been a lively race for the Democratic nomination for governor. Dan Cox and M. A. Yegge, both of the Eugene area, are unknowns in the contest. Hatfield has an opponent, too: H. G. Altwater of Portland who has run unsuccessfully for various offices in other years.

Norman O. Nilsen, labor commissioner, is opposed by Vic Davis in the Democratic primary. Davis has missed running for some office only once since 1948 and has yet to win.

Other contests: for Supreme Court, Arno H. Denecke and Lyle R. Wolf, both circuit judges; for the Tax Court, incumbent Peter Gunnar and Raymond L. Jones. And there are, too, state and local measures, legislative candidates, county candidates and municipal candidates.

DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

Pooled Opinions!

DEAR ABBY: You sure started something in this office when you ran that letter from a reader who asked what you thought about an executive who cluttered his office desk with pictures of his family. Although you said it was perfectly okay, the day after your article appeared my boss got such a ribbing he took his pictures home.

GIRL FRIDAY

DEAR ABBY: You goofed! In our opinion (and we took a poll in an office of 12 girls and 2 men) an office desk is no place for pictures of the wife and kiddies. Carry a man is at work, he should carry "pictures" of his family in his mind. If he has to have their smiling faces trained on him all day long to remember what they look like, heaven help him! and them, too.

THE 4TH FLOOR GANG

DEAR ABBY: I am a nurse. The doctor for whom I work told me that he kept plenty of pictures of his wife and children on his desk as a constant reminder to some of his patients that he is a family man. He is an OB, and lots of women get some strange ideas about their doctors.

DOCTOR'S NURSE

DEAR ABBY: An executive's life should be divided into two distinct parts—his home and his office. A man should not have photographs of his "family" in his place of business. Neither should he have pictures of his office employees in his home.

ALL BUSINESS (office manager)

DEAR ABBY: You say it is all right for an executive to have pictures of his wife and family on exhibition at his office. I'll bet you don't have pictures of YOUR husband and children all over YOUR office.

DEAR "SNOOPY": I'll bet I have!

DEAR ABBY: In regard to pictures on desks: Your philosophy is good, but I disagree. My husband adores his family, but he will NOT put our pictures on his desk. A good

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Control System Bug Delays Space Flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The scheduled orbital flight of astronaut Malcolm Scott Carpenter has slipped two days to May 19 because of trouble with the automatic control system in his space capsule.

Officials reported that the problem was minor but required extra time to correct. Difficulty with the control system plagued the orbital flight of both Enos the chimpanzee, and astronaut John H. Glenn Jr.

Carpenter, meanwhile, continued preparations for the flight, which is slated to be a three-orbit mission like Glenn's.

At Boulder, Colo., Carpenter's mother spoke with pride and confidence of her son's mission.

Mrs. Florence Carpenter said "The magnificence of the experience he is going to have is so great that it would minimize it would erase—any apprehension I might have."

Mrs. Carpenter, frail but articulate, was in high spirits at a press conference Thursday.

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