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GONE BY THE BOARD

The referendum, which would refer the electrical inspector act to the vote of the people has gone by the board, since apparently not enough people were interested in circulating the petitions outside of this locality. The fact that the new law will eliminate a lot of the smaller electrical contractors isn't the only bad feature of the law, if we read it correctly, but the public will have to find out the hard way.

DEPENDS SO-CALLED PURGE

Ben Buisman, editor of the Oregon State Grange defends the action of the grange in its call for a purge of twenty one or twenty two state legislators in its recent state convention at Coos Bay.

An editorial appearing in the July 5th issue of the Grange Bulletin explains the basis of the organizations opposition. He states that all of the adverse editorial comment he has seen has failed either thru ignorance or intent to mention the most significant and dangerous aspect of H.J.R. 7, the one on which a goodly portion of the Grange opposition is based.

The Grange editorial quotes C. C. Chapman in the Oregon voter as saying that:

"H.J.R. 7 . . . in the form it was introduced amounted almost to a repeal of both the initiative and referendum" and that "this measure was unconscionable as an institution heritage from a reform which attracted world-wide attention and which has been copied by many other states."

Quoting the Grange editorial further: "In and of itself, the Grange could well have based its action on this part of the bill. However, we call to the attention of our critics another part of H.J.R. 7 and invite the aforementioned editors to tell their readers about it."

"The Oregon constitution now provides that in order to initiate a measure, it must bear the signatures of not more than eight per cent of the legal voters of the state. To invoke the referendum, signatures of five per cent of the voters are necessary."

"With respect to the initiative, H.J.R. 7 proposed to strike the word "not more than" and insert the words "at least" in their stead, just prior to the eight per cent figure. It would also have inserted the words "not less than" just ahead of the five per cent requirement for referendum petitions."

"By making these changes, the legislature would have been granted the authority to set the signature requirements for initiative and referendum petitions as any percentage it saw fit above the eight and the five percent figures. For example, the legislature might desire to put into effect a law which it knew would be unpopular with the people—a sales tax, for instance. To block an almost certain referendum, it, under H.J.R. 7, would be empowered to enact accompanying legislation requiring that the signatures of, say 51, per cent of the legal voters would be required to invoke the referendum. It could be set at any figure by the legislature."

ON THE HOOVER COMMISSION REPORT

We note that E. B. Macnaughton, college president and banker has been appointed chairman of Oregon Hoover commission, or rather Mr. Macnaughton will head a committee to urge the adoption of the Hoover commission report; a report that should be given top priority by congress without any urging. Mr. Macnaughton recognizes along with numbers of other citizen over the United States that the stronger any sort of government bureaucracy grows the more difficult it will be to regulate; in fact he seems to think that if we do not reorganize the government now and save the tax payers the promised \$3,000,000,000 it may never be done.

It has seemed odd to us that after studying the rapid rate at which government bureaus are growing that a serious attempt should not have been made long ago to try and place the government on the same basis as private business. We pride ourselves on the fact that in our travels, in our communications and in our business relations we have made some wonderful advancements in the last fifty years and we have developed numerous labor saving devices and yet by the same token the operation of the government has not even reached the ox wagon stage, if we can believe even half of the Hoover report.

For those who have not seen a synopsis of the report we are quoting a few excerpts from the report which shows up some of the government operations:

Salaries of the federal jobholders cost the taxpayers \$5,650,000,000 in 1948. (The cost will be enormously higher in 1949 because of recent salary increases).

Turn-overs in federal employment amount to 500,000 a year. Supervisors are rated and paid according to the number of workers under them; thus they are encouraged to build up their work forces recklessly.

The paper work done on every government purchase transaction cost more than \$10 in labor and materials. Yet, approximately half the several million purchase order which the government issues each year are far less than \$10. So the overhead is more than the cost of the goods.

The Agriculture Department operates as a "loose confederation of independent bureaus and agencies." In one county in Georgia, 47 government employees attached to 7 separate field services of the Agriculture Department have been working with 1,500 farmers.

The federal budget system is "totally inadequate."

The Secretary of Defense cannot hide or fire anyone in the Department except those on his immediate staff; the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force may go over his head to the President, and if military recommendations had been followed, the defense budget would be \$30,000,000,000 this year.

The Veterans' Administration has 15,432 persons at work handling 7,000,000 insurance policies. This average work load of 450 policies per employee compares with a work load of 1,762 policies per employee in private industry.

Thirty government agencies are busy lending, guaranteeing or insuring loans. The total involved in their investments, commitments, loans and insurance amounts to \$146,000,000,000.

Government regulatory commissions are too snarled up in case-by-case activities to do proper planning; their delays and inefficiency impose heavy costs on the regulated industries and these costs are passed along to the public.

Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

No more than two weeks should be needed to complete the major items of legislative work necessary before adjournment. The Senate should act on the Atlantic Treaty, Congress should finish the appropriation bills, several of which have not yet had Senate action, and then we should adjourn.

I suppose, however, the Administration and administration leaders in Congress will insist on keeping the session going several weeks more hoping that something might be done to prop up the sad record of this 81st Congress. If they do, it will be a futile and costly effort.

In the first six months this Congress has passed only two laws which could be considered of outstanding importance. One was the bill to give the President powers for reorganization of the Executive departments. The other was the Housing bill.

The previous (80th) Congress did an amazing amount of good and constructive work. I said so in these letters at the time. I said it every time I could during the campaign last fall. Unfortunately louder and more important voices than mine were maligning the 80th Congress. Now we have a chance, on the factual record, to compare the job we did in the first six months with what our defamers have done in the same period. The New York Times, in an editorial printed July 6th, gives the best summary I have seen, as follows:

"That Eightieth, in fact, now looks like something of a champion. By this time in 1947, and at the end of its own first 6 months of work, it had adopted the Greek-Turkish aid program; ratified peace treaties with Italy and the Axis satellites; approved a constitutional amendment limiting the Presidency to two terms; created the Hoover Commission on reorganization of the Government; passed the Taft-Hartley Act and the portal-to-portal pay law; and enacted a new tax law. Yes, this was a Republican Congress, facing the difficulty of cooperating successfully with a Democratic President."

The good old days when western members of the House of Representatives could make prompt reply by telegraph to urgent inquiries or requests from constituents ended July 1—unless we pay most of the telegraph bill out of our own pockets. Formerly all telegrams sent by members on official business were paid for out of the legislative appropriation. There was no limit except that the message be confined to official business. It seemed like a reasonable arrangement to me. We always had to pay for our own telephone calls and that was fair enough since telegraphing furnished us should be able to pay for our own official phone conversations.

What happened was that a bill was brought to the floor and passed one dull afternoon when most members were in committee or attending to office work. This bill provides for long distance telephone calls as well as telegrams—but limited the total amount to \$500 per year. The result, so far as the Pacific Coast members are concerned, was to limit our telegrams to three or four PER WEEK—and that's all! Our telegrams, due to the distance, average about \$3 each.

The government will save no money by this arrangement. Few eastern members were using \$500 worth of telegrams per year—but having the privilege of telephoning now, they will certainly use the full amount. The scheme was merely a redistribution of the communication cost with nearby members gaining and members from a distance taking it on the chin. The irony of the whole thing reached a climax when Time Magazine with its usual sarcasm toward Congress reported that the House of Representatives had with "open handed generosity" voted itself an ADDITIONAL \$500 for telephone calls!

MORE BIG BERRIES

It seems we started something when we related in last week's Sentinel the size of some strawberries grown by J. F. Pattee of Mosby creek. We may have to employ a "strawberry" editor before we are through. Here are two more aspirants for strawberry king of this vicinity:

W. E. Bradford of Blackbutte route grows 'em big, too. He recently planted the Minnesota and brought in a sample box Saturday which was uniformly good.

H. L. Browning, of 408 Taylor Avenue brought in a cellophane bag filled with the luscious fruit. One strawberry measured two inches across and eight berries lying side by side measured 13 inches. Can you top this?

Coccidiosis Control Dry litter, protected waterers, screened roosts, and good ventilation of poultry buildings are important in keeping coccidiosis under control.

Corn for Cattle When corn is ground for cattle, coarse to medium-fine grinding is better than fine grinding.

"INTELLIGENCE" REPORT



Letters to the Editor

AN OPEN LETTER

July 7, 1949 To the Hon. Wayne Morse, U. S. Senator from Oregon.

Dear Sir: As a constituent of yours, I take the liberty of writing to you on what appears to me to be a very important and pressing subject.

As you no doubt are aware, there has been a strong movement for several years among the business interests of various nations, to inaugurate a new world calendar having months of equal length, each month to consist of four weeks. In order to do this and at the same time have the year correspond to the movement of the earth around the sun, it appears necessary to insert one or more so-called blank days, thus disrupting the continuity of the weekly cycle, as we know it. Although there have been several calendar changes in the past, there has been no attempt to interfere with the weekly cycle, except in the case of the French Revolution and the present Moscow government, both of which were or are, atheistic.

This weekly cycle of time has no relationship to the movement of the heavenly bodies but was, instituted by God at Creation and has been handed down to us unchanged from the very beginning.

The divinely established seven day cycle has, since creation, been the method used by man in measuring time and in establishing the identity of his day of religious worship, whether it be Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

Although there have been changes in the form of the calendar from time to time, the seven day cycle has never been disturbed and no days have been lost from the week. The insertion of a blank day or days in the so-called world calendar will result in utter confusion of the divinely established cycle and cause the day of rest regularly observed by all churches, to wander from its original position and will bring extreme inconvenience, embarrassment and suffering to those who conscientiously observe a definite day of the week as the Sabbath.

Therefore, I respectfully request you, as representing the State of Oregon in the United States Senate, to oppose legislation which may be presented containing provisions for a change in the divinely established weekly cycle of the calendar and that the President and the Secretary of State be requested to resist any proposal for a new world calendar containing provisions that will destroy the divinely established weekly cycle through the insertion of a blank day or days, should such a proposal be submitted at any time, to any international conference at which the United States is represented.

Most respectfully yours, F. J. Pattee, Rte. 1, Box 354, Cottage Grove, Oregon

Bathysphere Record

In plumbing ocean depths, no other humans have ever approached the record of 3,029 feet (nearly three-fifths of a mile) made in 1934 by Dr. William Beebe and Otis Barton. Their bathysphere descent in Bermuda waters was sponsored by the National Geographic society. A year later, the society and the army air corps teamed in organizing the stratosphere balloon flight of Captains Stevens and Anderson to a height of 13.71 miles above the South Dakota plains. This is still man's farthest aloft.

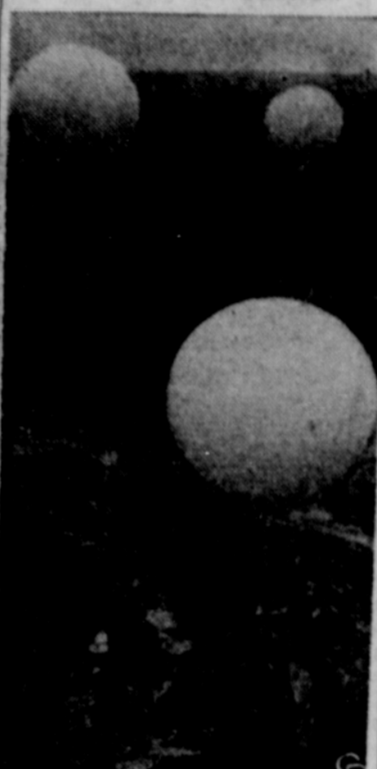
Hormone Treatment

Although hormone treatment can bring virgin heifers into milk, it is likely to destroy their breeding ability.

Erosion Control

The most effective method of controlling erosion and run-off is with thick-growing vegetation.

Cosmic 'Invader'



A RESEARCH scientist at Massachusetts Institute of Technology near Boston heads for the roof of a laboratory with some helium-filled balloons. They are sent aloft as high as 100,000 feet—almost 19 miles—to seek secrets of the cosmic regions. The scientists believe that the harnessing of cosmic ray energy would place in the hands of man a force a thousand times more potent than atomic energy. (International)

IRON CURTAIN THREAT TO TITO



ONE OF THE COMMUNIST-INSPIRED Iron Curtain threats aimed at Yugoslavia by Moscow is the separation of ancient Macedonia into a new state, as indicated on above map. Tito has bitterly opposed the carve-up and warned his secret police to resist all enemies. (Central Press)

WATCH THIS SPACE

for opening announcement of TOWN TALK VARIETY

UN REVIEW

Secretary-General Trygve Lie has proposed the creation of a U.N. Field Service, 300 strong, to do guard duty and furnish transportation and communications personnel for United Nations Missions. The proposed Field Service, which would be uniformed but not carry arms, would be recruited in member countries. The creation of a Field Panel Reserve to be constituted by individuals recommended by member governments to act as truce observers and plebiscite administrators was also proposed by Mr. Lie. This Field Service Panel would be in the nature of a reserve whose members could be available whenever their services were needed. A Special Committee of the General Assembly is studying the proposals.

In the Security Council, the representative of the USSR has proposed that all twelve applications for U.N. membership now pending before it be approved all together. The U.S. representative, however, has requested a separate vote. The twelve applications are from the following countries: Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Ceylon, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jordan Kingdom, Mongolian People's Republic, Portugal, and Rumania.

The Commission on Human Rights has wound up its fifth session at Lake Success after completing study of the draft Covenant on Human Rights. This draft will be submitted to member governments for comment and will be revised at the Commission's next session before it is forwarded to the Economic and Social Council for approval. The Covenant will supplement the recently approved Universal Declaration of Human Rights, taking the form of a treaty which will bind the signatory States.

The Trusteeship Council, meeting at Lake Success, approved the procedure to be followed by its Visiting Mission to the French and British Cameroons and Togoland, in West Africa. A Philippine amendment was adopted which directs the mission to make on-the-spot investigations of petitions dealing with conditions of the indigenous inhabitants in the Trust Territories in question. The Council then began consideration of a report on administrative unions, which entail the mergers of Trust Territories with adjacent non Trust areas proposed by the Administrative Powers.

The U.N. Commission on Indonesia has reported that the Netherlands authorities will shortly order the withdrawal of its troops from Jogakarta, to permit the re-establishment of the Republican Government in its capital around 1 July.

The Third Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) ended in Montreal after approving a budget of 2,810,607 Canadian dollars for 1950.

SILK CREEK

(Miss Dorothy Poynter, reporter)

Mr. and Mrs. John Pumerville and children left their home in Los Angeles last Thursday after a ten-day visit at the Woolcott ranch. While here, they spent one day with Mr. and Mrs. John Woolcott, making a trip to the McKenzie pass and Belknap Springs, and another day at the Bohemian mountains.

Work is progressing at a rapid pace on the new school building on the district school grounds. The building will be modern in every way, with pressure water system, plumbing and equipment to bring the plant up to Oregon rural school standards.

Mrs. Julie Christy, of Cresnet, British Columbia, Mrs. E. E. Bartuff, of Cottage Grove, and their brother, Warren Edwards, and Mrs. Edwards, of Corvallis, were visitors Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Nettie Estes.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Moxley, former residents of this community, left Tuesday morning with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Palleske and daughter, Jo Ann, of Eugene, for a motor trip east, including a visit to a brother of Mrs. Moxley at Clemons, N. C., and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Moxley have been residents of Eugene since leaving here last October.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Poynter, daughter Dorothy, and grandchildren, Rondell, David and Kathy, were Eugene visitors Wednesday.

Robert C. McNew Funeral Saturday

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 9, 1949 at 2:30 p.m. at the Smith Funeral Chapel for Robert C. McNew, 65, of 2016 East Main, who passed away at his home on July 7, following a lingering illness. The Rev. Frank Brown and the Rev. Roy Hutchison officiated. Interment was in the IOOF cemetery. Mr. McNew was born July 12, 1883 in Marshall, North Carolina, and when a child, moved to Tennessee with his parents. In 1924 he moved to Cottage Grove, coming from Tennessee. He was married to Mable Mills on May 29, 1912 at Parrottsville, Tennessee. He was a member of the Methodist church. Survivors include his widow; two daughters, Josephine Gregory in Tennessee, Vivian Hennessey, Salinas, California; one son, Fred McNew of Portland; four grandchildren; one brother and one sister, both in Tennessee.

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