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#### WHAT VALLEY AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT DO

Much has been heard concerning what the proposed river valley authorities would do for this nation. At the moment, the Columbia Valley Administration is being given the full force of presidential backing, and it is obviously designed to provide a precedent for similar administrations and authorities from Maine to California and Canada to the Gulf.

These bodies—which amount to super governments within the government—would control all our natural resources. They would dominate agriculture as well as industry. Through a monopoly of the power supply they could direct any region in any way they desired. They would do more to destroy state's rights and to undermine local initiative and independence than any proposal that has yet been seriously presented. They would be free of all state regulation and taxation; they could not be effectively controlled even by Congress. They would be subsidized by the taxpayers at an enormous cost. In each case, a three-man board would possess life and death economic power over vast areas.

There is another side to this issue which is equally important, namely, what the valley authorities would not do. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States has summed up these negative factors, taking the CVA bill as its guide.

The authorities would not submit to audit by the Comptroller General.

They would not be subject to prescribed systems of accounting.

They would not be under the jurisdiction of any state or federal commission.

They would not pay taxes except on private property they took over.

They would not have to abide by the civil service laws. In short, these authorities would enjoy a degree of economic independence that is unknown to other government agencies or in private enterprise. They could rig their reports about any way they wanted, inasmuch as they would not have to follow standard, accepted accounting practices. They could run their labor relations as they saw fit. They would not have to accept restraints of any important kind.

It should be clear from this that the authorities are a threat to the basic rights of the people, and to the taxpayers. They are predicated solidly on the Marxian concept of an all-powerful state, dictating from above to the slaves below. That is why practically every state and national official from the Pacific Northwest has gone on record against CVA—along with more than 80 per cent of the newspapers of the region. The valley authority idea is a knife in the back of free government, and yet there is a federal drive to force it down the people's throats.

#### ONE WAY TO KEEP CONTROL

The only way the majority of the people can retain control of governmental affairs, regardless of the kind of government we may live under is to study the candidates and the issues. If the people don't exercise this privilege, it will soon be taken away or become too burdensome to live under.

The fact that you are a registered voter does not end your obligation. You can end that obligation by studying the candidates and the issues and then voting in both the primaries and in the general election. Perhaps you have read of the recent gangster slaying in Kansas City, Missouri and are familiar with how the gangsters got control of Kansas City and retained it.

The Kansas City gangsters secured political control of Kansas City using a familiar pattern, which has been used in every other gang ridden political center of the United States as well as in world politics. They brought the voter to the polls and voted them. And this is where the indifference of the voter comes in. Men and women who can be voted like so many sheep deserve to lose their political freedom. There are lots of people who are too indifferent or too lazy to exert the little effort necessary to get a background on the men and issues at stake, so they can at least form a partial opinion. They are willing to permit some other individual, who has perhaps a selfish motive, to tell them how to vote. It's a pretty cheap trade when you trade your right to vote for whom you please for a free ride to the polls. The rest of us, we are afraid would not enjoy the right to vote our choice if we followed the same pattern.

If gangsters move in and control the politics of a city, taxpayers find it pretty expensive. If a dictator moves in like some nations in other countries have experienced in the past twenty years, you not only lose your right to vote for whom you please, but your freedom as well.

#### BICKERING WHICH IS EXPENSIVE

We can't boast about the close harmony and cooperation in evidence among our civic groups and governing bodies in this locality, but they do get along better than in some of our neighboring communities, particularly in some of the smaller communities where school friction and fights between factions are too common. Some of the cities too seem to be having their share of troubles with mass resignations of officers and officials occasionally.

Such friction certainly isn't designed to promote efficiency or smoothness of operation and so far as we can see there is no satisfaction to be derived from a situation of this sort—even the victors can't gloat with any sense of pride. In a situation where friction arises, there may be a right and wrong side and you may be on the winning side or perhaps both sides are at fault, but in any event the entire community loses for nobody actually wins. And nobody ever won anything from winning a war. In fact the modern belief about war is that everybody loses including the victors.

The bad feature of a school fight particularly is that the school pupils are generally the losers. And that's usually the way a lot of our scraps end up; the innocent lose and suffer. How much better it is to cooperate even though it isn't done exactly as you think it should be.

#### HALL AND PEARSON

John H. Hall is reported as denying that he attended a "November" function at Waldport at which he was alleged to have said that he hoped Walter Pearson would be next governor of Oregon. Waldport Record comes forth with the report that the meeting at which Hall made the statement was in September. It quotes B Mike of September 30, 1949, in verification, and presents a photo-engraving of Hall and Pearson at the September function. Both Hall and Pearson appear to be sober.—Oregon Voter.

HUMBOLDT, IOWA, REPUBLICAN: "According to government figures, 70 per cent of our population when they reach maturity, have the intelligence of a 14-year old child; 16 per cent have normal intelligence; 9 1/2 per cent have high intelligence and 4 1/2 per cent have very high intelligence. We wonder . . . which group compiled the figures."

### Washington Letter

The recently pending housing bill, which cleared its final legislative hurdle in the house with the adoption of the conference report, extends housing loan provisions and authorizes some more funds for such loans. When it finally becomes law the bill will also carry a section which we put in when the bill was being acted upon in the House. This section will enable cities or other local units to purchase government temporary and semi-permanent housing. This amendment will, I believe, enable the City of Lebanon to make satisfactory arrangements regarding the two federal projects which have been a worry to the Lebanon city administration.

Good weather for Easter Sunday here in Washington brought out so many automobiles that traffic down Connecticut Avenue and in the vicinity of the Tidal Basin, where the famous cherry blossoms are in bloom, was almost completely tied up for hours. I managed to get caught in both jams and I can assure you that there are better ways of putting in time on a beautiful Easter Sunday afternoon.

Although the subject is not of immediate concern to Oregon people, I expect you have felt the impact of the barrage of propaganda being let loose against those who voted for the natural gas bill. Apparently this has been grabbed as ideal for a hot campaign issue by the left-wingers and socialist minded writers, commentators and politicians.

The gas bill would seem to be ideal for their purpose. It involves a complicated problem which only a few experts really understand, so the truth about it can be distorted without much fear of refutation. Therefore, the propagandists are having a field day in this darkness by attempting to frighten people with a hobgoblin of their own making labelled "Money grab by the big interests." This bill was the subject of many weeks of hearings before our committee. I happen to know some of the facts about it. Here are a few, if you are interested:

(1) Long experience under the existing law pretty clearly indicates what may be expected in the future. There is no honest reason to believe the passage of the recent bill will cause an increase of gas prices to the consumer. (2) The bill just passed means that the Gas Act of 1938 will continue to be administered as it has been for nearly 12 years. (3) The recent bill does nothing new but merely clarifies the 1938 statute after its meaning became questionable as the result of a court decision. (4) Natural gas is about the only commodity of general use which has decreased in price over the past 20 years. (5) The price of gas at the well represents only a minor fraction of the cost of gas to the consumer.

Those who hope to see most of the recommendations of the Hoover Commission made into law, and I am one who does, must watch out for Administration tricks. For example, the Truman Reorganization plan number 12, submitted as one of 21 such plans supposedly carrying out the Hoover Commission suggestions, would abolish the independent general counsel of the national labor relations board. This would make NLRB prosecutor, judge and jury, just in the bad old days. There is nothing in the Hoover Commission report recommending such a change.

### With the Granges

Dorena Grange H. E. C. met Tuesday, April 11 at the home of Theres Hewes with nine members present.

There was discussion held on the carnival which is to be May 6. Everyone is invited. There will be bingo, white elephant, woman that sleeps and eats under water, and many others, besides lots of food.

The H.E.C. will visit Santa Clara H.E.C. April 21. Rosalie Plaisted, reporter

#### Hebron Grange News

Hebron Grange at its meeting Saturday, draped the charter in memory of Perry Guilliams who passed away last week.

Five dollars was donated to the Latham school 4-H rodent control to be used as prizes. Ben Chilson was named Rodent Control Supervisor in this district.

The H. E. C. chairman asked all grange ladies to bring two pies to the Play Festival at the Latham school Friday, April 21, at 8 p.m. She also urged all grange ladies who can be at the next H.E.C. meeting which will be at the grange hall on Tuesday, April 25, when we will entertain Jasper H.E.C.

The officers will have practice Wednesday, April 26 at 8 p.m.

More Insects  
The hot, dry season which has swept the country during the summer has brought a heavy infestation of insects, and this has caused a rising demand for insecticides.

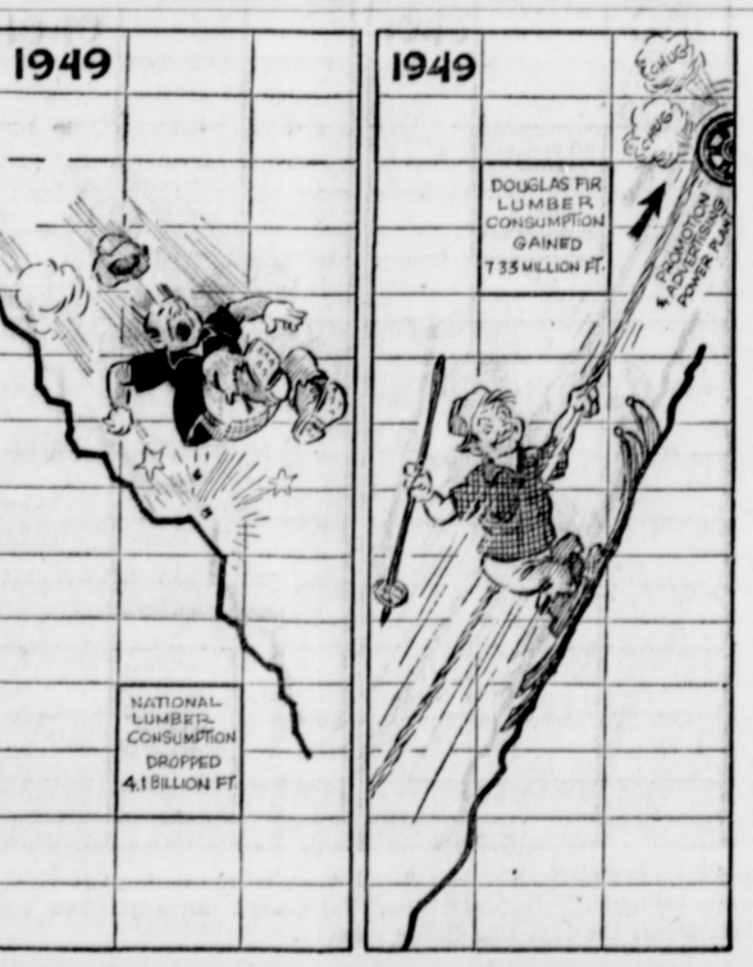
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### OH, THE COST OF CONGRESSMEN

- 1 ANNUAL SALARY IS \$12,500 . . .
- 2 AND \$2,500 TAX FREE EXPENSE ACCOUNT . . .
- 3 AND 20 CENTS A MILE TRAVEL EXPENSES TO AND FROM SESSIONS . . .
- 4 AND UP TO \$700 A YEAR FOR STATIONARY . . .
- 5 AND CLERK HIRE BASE OF \$12,500, WHICH RUNS AS HIGH AS \$24,000
- 6 NEW BILL WOULD UP PHONE, TELEGRAPH ALLOWANCE FROM \$500 TO \$1,000

A CONGRESSMAN'S cost to the taxpayer is getting higher and higher, this compilation of expenses and allowances indicates. The Congressional Reorganization Act of 1947 added several of the items above. Latest item is the bill to increase telephone and telegraph allowance. It all adds up to upwards of \$30,000 a year for each of the 435 House of Representatives members. (International)



COOS BAY, ORE.: The only woman seaman in the world—regular that is—and who does a full man's share of work is Greek war heroine Matilde Calogeropoulou, who was decorated by Field Marshal H. R. Alexander for rescuing 400 allied soldiers during the war. She touches the Southern Oregon port regularly.

THE DALLIES, ORE.: Old Chief Tommy Thompson is on the war-path again and headed for Washington. He's going to smoke the peace pipe with the Great White Father (whose initials are H. T.) only when and if their original treaty is recognized and his Celtic Indian's committee is recognized.

KLAMATH FALLS, ORE.: John Ebinger, prominent attorney and one of Oregon's three outstanding conservationists (the other two are editors Charles Stanton and Robert Sawyer) is also a mineralogist of no mean sort. His samples of ore represent years of travel-collecting and occupy one whole room in his law office.

OREGON-AT-LARGE: Oregon's collective Chambers of Commerce are missing the boat in not exploiting their moisture. An annual Festival of the Rain staged in mid-winter could rival the Rose Festival as a tourist attraction and extravaganza.

Imagine a Queen of the Rain-drops with her rainbow court! Floats depicting Silver Thaws, waterfalls and our sweeping green pastoral scenes that are any possible because of our rain could be a big thing.

PORTLAND, ORE.: Reed college student Ray Boyle is currently writing his senior thesis on "Conditioning of Language Behavior in the Adult Female."

What a world! We suggest that Mr. Boyle be booked as a speaker for women's clubs.

### DELIGHT VALLEY

Mrs. E. D. Sherrill, Reporter Phone 6484

Mr. and Mrs. John Stalder enjoyed a very pleasant and busy Sunday afternoon and evening entertaining with visitors coming and going. Miss Margaret Muller and John Alpine of Eugene and Charles Rozell of Dexter shared their hospitality at dinner. Other guests throughout the day included Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stalder and daughter, Jean, and their house guest, Mrs. Stella Miller of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Allen and son, of Cottage Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Selvidge of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Peterson of Lorane Route; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stalder of Lynx Hollow; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Kirkendall of Creswell and Mr. Frank Stalder of Springfield. Mrs. Frank Stalder was confined to her home, convalescing from a tonsillotomy.

The operetta of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," which was presented at the Creswell school on Friday evening by the Creswell upper grades was greatly enjoyed by Mrs. Durlinger, Mrs. VanNortwick, Patrick Gore, Jack Durlinger, Elaine Oster and Jean Ellen Sherrill.

Days may come and days may go, but apparently mumps go on forever, with Jack Durlinger the valley's latest victim.

Ralph Hutchison of Portland enjoyed the week end at the VanNortwick home as a guest of John Earl.

The Sunshine Chefs of the valley were well represented at the 4-H demonstration held at the high school in the Home Economics room on Saturday with Mrs. Melba Heide, county extension agent in charge. Among those attending were Billy Olson, Francis Hite, Carl Davidson, Elaine Oster, Jean Ellen Sherrill and Erma McDonald. Lessons on bread, sponge cake and muffins were demonstrated, with Elaine and Jean Ellen participating in the muffin making. Leaders as well as club members were included in the judging of the products demonstrated, also cookies. Each member was urged to enter in the county fair exhibits.

Robirds and Bird Flaten while home for the Easter holiday, entertained five students from Hawaii who are enrolled at the Portland University.

Mrs. Wm. McBea has been confined to her home several weeks with an attack of the flu.

Mrs. Oley Opheim of Yonahle visited Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stalder.



### Bicycle - Motor Collisions Kill Three Last Year

Bicycle-motor vehicle collisions killed three riders and injured 307 others in Oregon last year, most of them children, the state traffic safety division has reported.

Records show that the majority of such accidents stem from the bicycle rider's carelessness or disregard for fundamental traffic rules, the division said. Oregon law requires bicyclists to observe the same traffic laws as motor vehicle drivers, except those which by their very nature cannot apply.

Despite the law, the division emphasized that motorists must not expect children riding bicycles to display the same degree of judgement and responsibility as adult automobile drivers. "Expecting the unexpected," it was pointed out, will help offset a child bike rider's unpredictability in traffic.

Parents were urged to make sure their children know and follow these rules:

1. Keep bicycle to the far right of the street and ride with traffic.
2. Ride in a straight line without weaving or stunting.
3. Ride single file.
4. Do not carry passengers on bicycles.
5. Unless essential, do not ride at night. If you must, have a good light and reflector.

### DORENA

Mrs. Lot Wagner, Reporter Phone 8154

The Busy Bee club met at the home of Mrs. Laura Davenport Thursday of last week with several members present. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Gilbert. The members expect to sew for her.

Mrs. Nellie Shellabarger of Cave Junction is visiting her nephew, Mr. Leroy Pullen and family.

The school club met last Friday evening with several present. They decided to keep the same cooks for next year.

Word has been received that Mrs. A. E. Dean, Agatha, Idaho passed away Saturday morning. She was a former teacher here of several terms. We all knew her as Aunt Jackie. She was a good church worker, lived here and was active in all the district interests and was loved by many. She leaves three married children, Louis, Loyd and Nellie, also several grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was near 78 years old and will be buried at Lewiston, Idaho on Tuesday April 18.

The program for the Bales, Doonittle anniversary Sunday, April 23 at the hall will begin at 2 p.m. and will be at different intervals, instead of 3 p.m. as stated before.

### Odd Fact

In Sycamore, Ill., a man who was released after serving a 60-day sentence, tried to break back into his old cell because he liked his keepers and the food they served.

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### Popular Bulletin On Oregon Trees To Be Reprinted

An O. S. C. extension bulletin, "Trees to Know in Oregon," is evidently on its way to a top place on the "best seller" list of publications issued by the college.

Within a month after an initial printing of 15,000 copies was made available, the supply was almost exhausted. Plans have now been made to reprint the bulletin and this time 20,000 copies will be run off, announces J. W. Scheel, assistant to the extension service director.

Intended primarily for young people, the bulletin has been requested largely by schools, youth organizations and others. Grow-ups, too, have requested copies of the publication in unprecedented numbers.

Written by Charles R. Ross, O.S.C. extension farm forestry specialist, the 80 page bulletin No. 697, describes in easy to read language 65 trees found in the state. More than 225 drawings and pictures make it valuable as a tree identification guide.

Ross describes the Douglas fir, for example, as the outstanding tree of the west. It was named, he writes, for David Douglas, the exploring Scotch botanist who found it in the Willamette valley about 125 years ago. The tree supplies two-thirds of the timber cut in the northwest. And, Ross adds, because our hills are clothed mostly with Douglas fir, the tree stands foremost in the region's famous evergreen scenery.

The largest standing Douglas fir is preserved on the Crown-Zellerbach tree farm in Clatsop county. Ross states this tree measures 15 and one-half feet in diameter at the ground and is 225 feet tall to a broken top. Of the state's total area, 61,664,000 acres, almost one-half—more than 30,000,000 acres—is described as commercial forest land. When figured in board feet, Oregon owns almost one-quarter of the national timber resources.

The publication was published cooperatively with the Oregon State Board of Forestry. Many of the drawings were made by Hugh Hayes, forestry board civil engineer.

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