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CAN TRUMAN BE NOMINATED?

Up to this time there have been few, if any political observers who have not been convinced that President Harry Truman can have the Democratic nomination for reelection merely by announcing that he wants it or will accept it. Even now, there are probably mighty few who would question the probability that the nomination is Mr. Truman's for the asking.

Nevertheless, it is beginning to appear to us that there is a question as to whether or not Mr. Truman could be nominated if the many elements in the Democratic party which oppose him would make a united effort to beat him. Truman's public popularity is unquestionably at the lowest point since he first ascended to the presidency. On top of the stigma of corruption and brazen political chicanery which surrounds his administration is the fact that he is meeting with less and less success in winning cooperation from congress. A growing number of members of the president's own party are opposed to his policies and make no bones about saying so and voting against them.

The entrance of Sen. Estes Kefauver into the Democratic presidential race and the great beating of drums for Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois point to the fact that there are others in the Democratic ranks who can capture the public fancy just as well or maybe even better than Mr. Truman has in the past.

Truman's cockiness in brushing off presidential primaries last week has not set well with the general public. His statement that "primary elections are a lot of eyewash" and that "I can have the nomination without entering any primaries" have touched off another round of bitter denunciations which are bound to drive the measure of Truman's popularity to a new low ebb.

Conversely, Truman's game of "maybe I will, maybe I won't" captures the fancy of many people. His encouragement of many favorite son candidates also serves as a stage setting for him to come forward at the 11th hour as the only "big" candidate of national stature and brush aside the "little" men that are being set up as side show attractions right now.

While it is too early to write off Harry Truman as a political dead duck, there is some reason to believe that if present trends continue to grow the result could be that he would not be able to win the nomination if he sought it and, what is equally important, that his influence in choosing a candidate to succeed himself might be reduced to so small a point as to have little or no effect. At any rate, it is daily becoming more and more obvious that there are increasing numbers of Democrats who are seeking membership in that mythical new 4-H club the motto for which is "Help Hurry Harry Home."

MORE FOR TAXES THAN FOR FOOD—

Tax researchers report that 49 percent of the total income of Oregon will go for the payment of taxes to support local, state and federal governments this year, with the federal government taking by far the lion's share—37 percent.

The same reports show that Oregonians would pay out more for federal taxes alone, if the Truman budget request of \$85.4 billion is granted, than they would for food. The cost of that budget would average \$665 per person in Oregon, while the average expenditure for food is only \$346 per capita.

DEMO VIEW OF FOREIGN POLICY—

Maybe one of the reasons Sen. Estes Kefauver is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president is his profound belief in the truth of a statement he made in the senate on June 20, 1950. Said Sen. Kefauver, "I say this as a Democrat, the present administration has given the public nothing to look forward to in foreign affairs for the next 30 years except war and paying for wars."

If Sen. Kefauver's statement does nothing else, it clears the air of any question that objection to foreign policies that have been pursued by the Truman administration are strictly on a partisan basis. The fact that his statement was made last June; probably long before he seriously considered entering the presidential contest, adds to its force and how widespread, sincere and serious are the criticisms of Truman foreign policy, or perhaps we should say lack of foreign policy.

NOBLE IS ABLE PUBLISHER—

Alva Noble, formerly of Newell, Iowa, recently purchased the Independence Enterprise from Ralph Kletzing and The Post is happy to welcome Mr. Noble as a new publisher to Oregon. When we say "new," however, we mean new only as it applies to Oregon.

Mr. Noble has been a publisher in Iowa for many years and rated as one of the more able members of the press of the Hawkeye State. He comes from a family that produced a number of top-flight country publishers, one of whom was his uncle, Ira A. Nichols, in whose footsteps this writer followed on the Iowa Falls Citizen a number of years ago.

Independence and Oregon both are fortunate to have attracted a newspaper man of Mr. Noble's calibre.

Ralph Kletzing, retiring publisher of the Enterprise, has not announced his future plans other than to say that he is going to take a bit of a rest before embarking on new and less arduous ventures than the newspaper publishing business. He has given Independence a good newspaper and is deserving of the respite he now may have from the harrying responsibilities of community newspaper publishing.

Just when we thought spring had arrived, Old Man Winter had to pelt us in the back with a bit more snow last weekend. Oh, well, each week brings his reign closer to an end.

Every voter who can possibly do so owes it to himself to see and hear Sen. Robert A. Taft in his Lincoln Day address at the auditorium in Portland on Wednesday evening, February 13. It will give each individual a real opportunity to personally size up the man who is one of the leading contenders for our nation's highest office.

Cities of Oregon have received a total of \$160,000 as their first allocation of profits from the state liquor system under the new Oregon law which provides that 5 percent of net liquor revenues shall go to cities for police enforcement of liquor laws. The distribution was made on a basis of 18.56 cents per capita for each resident of a city.

America is growing up culturally. Last year people of this nation spent \$45,000,000 to hear "serious" music programs, such as opera, classical concerts, ballet interpretations and the like. That just about equalled the amount spent for popcorn in the movie theatres and it did surpass the \$40,000,000 spent to see professional baseball games.

We're for the Pelton dam 100 percent, but we also believe the Oregon Farm Bureau is right in insisting that the Oregon hydro-electric power commission should face up to its responsibilities in passing on a permit for it rather than abdicating in favor of the fish commission and thus raising the question of whether or not state rights are being violated when a federal authority approves the request for a construction permit.

THE WEST'S OWN SPECIAL SIGN OF SPRING

Seaside Signal: We know that it is still too early yet there is already a restless eagerness among us. We find ourselves waiting with the first edges of impatience, although we have not yet begun to speak of the day that is surely coming.

Visitors "from away" would not notice the signs. Talk of the weather here is much like talk of the weather anywhere. Some complain of the cold, and some urge the real beauty of clear bright days that have the hint of ice in them when the sun turns toward the horizon.

But whether with sighs or smiles or mere resignation, we are waiting, sharing anticipation of the wonderful hour that belongs especially to our country.

Soon we shall begin to say, looking forward to it as a child does to Christmas, "everything will be better—when the Chinook comes."

Then indeed the stranger in our midst will have cause for puzzlement. Chinook? What do we mean by that? And we shall try to answer, although words for an explanation are hard to find. It's the wind, we say. The gentle, west-born, sea-wind that comes to our land suddenly, some day or some night. Then, if the little streams in the hills are frost-locked, they thaw in an hour and run free. Snow vanishes from the dark-limbed tree and they sigh and rustle in contentment.

We say, it is the home wind, the beloved wind. It sweeps from hundreds of miles away and pours in a soft flood up the valley of the Columbia, up the Willamette, up the far-off Snake river.

It is the breath of spring, we say; the sweet buoyant air that cleanses the land of the harshness of winter. And at last we laugh and shrug helplessly and say, "You have to feel it. No one can tell you about the Chinook."

Then the visitor smiles and nods and does not quite believe. Who can understand what the Chinook is, till it has touched his own being and he has felt the coursing blood quicken in response, the breath deep drawn and hungry for the scent?

Who would think that in the depths of night, the children of this westland will wake from deepest slumber, knowing all at once that it has come; and will turn again to sleep with gladness because the Chinook has begun to blow.

There are a hundred places where the spring is bolder, more riotous with bright hues than ours. There is none other where, in an instant's breath of air, all spring's promise touches the earth.

When the winter is long and weary, the spirit grows tense and watchful, keeping with tired patience the vigil of the season. But the hour will come when taut nerves relax, when suddenly we are not waiting, but living; when the iron grip of the cold slacks suddenly like a heavy burden put down at last.

The hour is surely coming, "when the Chinook blows."

NEW "SECURITY" DEAL A JOKE

Giles French in his Sherman County Journal: It would be a joke if it wasn't so expensive; that the federal government, a wasteful, irresponsible, extravagant outfit if there ever was one should be taking money from small business men for promised security.

There's not a small business man, or self employed, who doesn't know more about money and how to keep it than the federal government does. If he didn't he'd be broke.

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TOSS YOUR HAT INTO THE RING!



Lusted News

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Balbra were guests at the Portland home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Van Zant on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Moulton were Saturday evening visitors at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holy, at West Linn.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess L. Shriver drove to Vancouver last week, where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Will. Mr. Will recognized Mr. Shriver at once, though the two men had not met since 1929, when Mr. Shriver was maintenance man on the highway being built between Naselle and South Bend, Washington where Mr. Will was also employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Foland and family visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clark, of Pleasant Home road on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Douthett and their four children, Arnold, Betty, Carl and Dennis, of Silverton were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Armstrong and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ickler entertained their parents at dinner Sunday when their guests were: Mrs. Gertrude Ickler of Victory Heights and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snipe of Oregon City.

Friday evening the home of Mrs. Sam Sargent was the scene of a demonstration party, when 10 adults and several children were present. Mrs. Edwin Troyer was the demonstrator.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Carrell visited at the Portland homes of her two brothers-in-law and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. William Meyer and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Irvin, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Carrell of Gresham, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carrell.

Charles Weece, who has been visiting at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weece, left last Thursday for his home in Cimarron, Kansas. Mr. Weece expressed himself as preferring Oregon winter weather to that of his home state; this is his third visit to this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Snell and daughter, Louise, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snell.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto De Schmidt and children, Jimmy and Karen, of Hillsboro, were Sunday callers at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dhulst.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stevenson and Mrs. Ernest Cline and children, Myreen, Ernestine and Marvin, of Portland, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sester and family were Sunday evening callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Midford, in Gresham.

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Morgan and sons, of Portland, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Fred Jones drove to Vancouver on Sunday where they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis.

W. D. Fritz, C. G. McCreary and Harvey Bohlman enjoyed a fishing trip to Nehalem over the weekend returning Sunday when Mrs. W. D. Fritz served a dinner for her husband and Mr. Bohlman. Mrs. Harvey Bohlman and Mrs. Lydia Bohlman joined the group, and later returned to Portland, accompanied by Mr. Bohlman.

Gertrude Ickler celebrated her 77th birthday at her home on

Victory Heights February 4. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Paape, Portland; Mrs. Clinton Witter, Mrs. Herman Wihlon, Mrs. Jess Gothard, all from Gresham; Mrs. Leon Caddy and Mrs. Irvin Ickler. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Caddy and his mother, Mrs. Minnie Caddy, visited at the W. J. Bettis home in Portland on Sunday.

The children of Charles Roberts and Russell Roberts have the measles.

Miss Bonnie Ickler was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of Deloris Wasson.

Five Million Hours Work Provided By Strawberry Crop

The 1951 Oregon strawberry crop provided 4,992,600 hours of employment for farm workers, according to the American Can Company.

More than 75 percent of the time, or 3,744,450 hours, was spent cultivating and harvesting strawberries for freezing, estimates the firm, which makes frozen food containers as well as metal cans.

The container-making company based its employment estimate on U. S. Department of Agriculture reports of a crop of 16,956 tons and an Oregon State college study of farm labor requirements.

The 3,900 commercial Oregon strawberry farmers usually top the nation in output but unfavorable weather during the past few growing seasons has reduced the yield. About 93 percent of Oregon's crop is grown in the Willamette Valley.

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Barker's Bugle

Howdy Folks:

Watch out whenever you start to strut. The peacock of today often becomes tomorrow's feather duster.

Cecil Duke says if you want to know what is meant by figure skating, just take a night at the Ice Follies.

Skirts of plain and printed burlap are to be worn this summer. Well maybe it won't be so bad to be left holding the sack after all.

Cora tells us when a man reaches his second childhood the games he wants to play are altogether different.

Our weekly bugle quiz has been going over big guns. Sure is good to have all you nice folks read this stuff and come in for your little prizes. We even heard from our old friend Floyd Light down St. Helens way. He had the right answer too. Come in and get it Floyd.

Last week's answer was, "Bisodol Mints."

This week a little toughie we think as it took us some little time to get the answer to this one, "Mythally."

The first ten to come in and tell what this customer wanted can take home a quart of that delicious Arden Ice Cream.

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