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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

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4th District, Oregon

Things have really been happening lately to my several bills involving projects in Oregon's Fourth Congressional District. Undoubtedly each separate development has been reported in the newspapers but let's look at a summary:

1) The bill authorizing the construction of Cougar Dam on the McKenzie River on a partnership basis with the Eugene Water and Electric Board was favorably reported by the Committee on Public Works and passed by the House.

2) The bill to settle the O & C controverted lands question was favorably reported by the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and is pending on the House Calendar. Meanwhile, the same bill in the Senate sponsored by Senator Cordon was reported by Committee and was passed by the Senate.

3) The Rivers and Harbors Subcommittee, headed by Congressman Homer Angell, approved two coast projects—authorization of harbor construction at Gold Beach and authorization of an improvement project at the Port of Umpqua at Reedsport.

3) The bill to authorize the construction of the Talent Division of the Rogue River Reclamation project has been set for hearing by the Committee on June 14th. This bill was introduced fairly recently by Senator Cordon and me. We have been hammering at the Executive agencies to get their reports in to the Committee so that the legislation can be taken up. I believe these reports will be completed well before the 14th of June and the bill can get on its way through the tedious and lengthy legislative process.

5) The bill which would give permission to the government through the Secretary of the Army to make a partnership contract with some local entity—publicly or privately owned—for the construction of power facilities in the flood control dam on the Santiam River, known as Green Peter Dam, will probably be set for hearing before the House Subcommittee on Flood Control early in June. Meanwhile, another bill, which I introduced more than a year ago, is pretty definitely scheduled for inclusion in the big all-inclusive flood control bill which is being prepared by the Public Works Committee. This bill would simply authorize the construction of the Green Peter Dam as a multiple-purpose Federal project including power, and authorize also the construction of the required re-regulating dam to go with it. It is reasonably certain, then, that planning and construction of the Green Peter Dam can go ahead.

In this report I refer to these bills as "my" bills which, of course, they are in the House of Representatives. All of the above bills were introduced in the House and Senate at about the same time and are identical bills. This legislation is, of course, sponsored in the Senate by Oregon's Senator Guy Cordon who works in similar cooperation with the other three members of the Oregon delegation in the House. Congressional activity affecting Oregon is a team operation with Senator Cordon carrying the burden of the work in the Senate.

PAST NOBLE GRANDS WILL MEET FRIDAY

Topaz Past Noble Grands club will meet at the home of Pauline Tygert on Memory Lane, Friday, May 28. All Past Noble Grands are invited to attend.



WHAT IT'S WORTH
By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

Just the other day, the thought came to me that practically any program on radio or television today that amounts to anything at all is financed by beers, soaps, cigarettes or deodorants.

Now I am not too much alarmed by the fact that modern entertainment is made possible by the advertising of what might be classed as non-essentials; but I am somewhat perturbed as to the ultimate effect it may have on the history of the nation.

Very few people, I am afraid, realize the influence of advertising in the evolution of the human race. Outside of the well known fact that it is the primary creator of desires which in turn are the driving forces for progress, advertising also plays an important role in informing historians relative to the customs of past ages.

For example, the birth of slavery in this country is recorded in the advertising of early colonial papers which offered slaves for sale or rewards for return of escaped ones. Any other period in history can also be adequately and accurately tagged by the advertising of the time. In our generation, radio and television are undoubtedly doing their bit toward perfecting the historical record.

And thus it is that after reading magazine advertising and listening to and watching the commercials of today, I am not too certain that I will be proud of the opinion arrived at by my great-great-grandchildren relative

to our particular epoch. Suffice it to say that ages hence when historians delve into the archives of the twentieth century, they cannot be blamed too much if, after studying the advertising of our era, they come to the conclusion that ours was the thirstiest, the dirtiest, the smokingest, and the stinkingest generation in the history of mankind.

And though they may question our wisdom in using this powerful medium to encourage our youth to drink and smoke, they at least will give us credit for having kept them clean and smelling nice.

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The Election Results

Political leaders all over Oregon as well as all over Curry County were anxiously scanning the results of Friday's primaries to see what the future portended, come next November.

And it was an interesting election. Paul Patterson soundly thumped Earl T. Newbry for Republican candidate for Governor . . . even more soundly than most of his supporters predicted. And in so doing, he established himself as odds-on favorite over Democrat Joseph K. Carson, Jr.

But things don't look quite so bright for incumbent Senator Guy Cordon. The impressive number of voters who signified their approval of Richard Neuberger makes it look as if the Senator is in for a pretty tough fight. Although neither had opposition, Neuberger's vote total ran consistently ahead of others on his party ballot, showing that democrats are pretty well united behind him . . . and there were quite a few democrats, too . . . If we were going to bet, though, we'd say that Cordon can still take him.

Harris Ellsworth ran slightly stronger than Cordon, locally, and lot's stronger than his democratic opponent for his Congressional seat this fall . . . not much of a contest coming there.

As far as the big thrills go, Curry County's are mostly over, since most of the primary races were more exciting than the general election promises to be.

Locally, interest centered around the County Judge and District Attorney races.

Incumbent Guy Forsyth won his renomination through a display of strength all through the county, coupled with an extraordinarily heavy primary vote in the North end. He outran his three opponents almost everywhere North of Brookings, and was a strong second down here.

Luther Tisdale showed the respect he is accorded his neighbors by his strong showing locally . . . but he had practically no supporters anywhere else. The reason, we think, is twofold: the fact that he simply wasn't well known up there, coupled with a fear of sectionalism . . . certainly a number of northern residents voiced a fear that the Brookings area was out to obtain a corner on all the county offices. And they may have a point.

We supported Tisdale because we know him, respect his judgment, and felt that he would be an able County Judge. We didn't support him just because he came from Brookings. As we said about one other candidate . . . when a man's residence is considered important in his qualifications for office, something is radically wrong with our system of government.

And we're sure, too, that Judge Forsyth deserves the cooperation of all the county in his role as administrator. The Judge has had an honorable career in his office, and deserves all our respect and aid.

We were surprised, frankly, at the weakness displayed by the other candidates who did poorly almost everywhere. It was due in large part, we think, to the respect felt of Judge Forsyth's past administration.

Charles Doane outran his two opponents easily in light balloting, and the same light balloting predicts a victory for Judge Forsyth this fall.

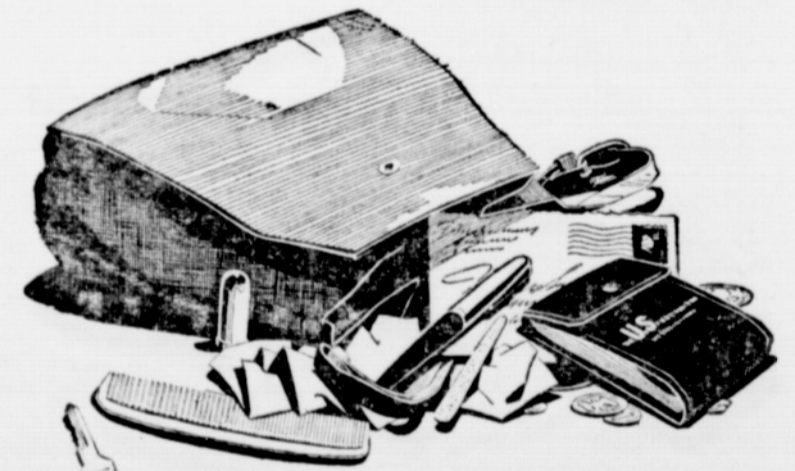
Finally, Sam Hall's victory over William Fuller in the DA race here was an indication that Curry County voters in general have approved of the conduct of his office, and have respect for his ability. He beat the old hoodoo of sectionalism, too, since he outran Fuller in the North in several precincts, as well as the South.

Anyway, we lived through the election, and we think that selections made by the voters of Curry County do them credit. We can't predict the results of November's races, but we're sure that Curry County will choose wisely.

THANK YOU

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