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Gubernatorial Succession

The first state measure on the ballot this year is a proposed constitutional amendment which would extend the line of succession to the governorship. At present succession goes first to the president of the senate and next to the speaker of the house. The amendment would add the secretary of state and the state treasurer to the list, in that order. This would make a line of four eligible under the constitution to succeed to the governorship.

The affirmative argument in the voters' pamphlet notes that there have been times when all three of those now eligible have been out of the state, and that such occasions may arise in the future, and adds: "To guard against such a situation is the sole purpose of the amendment."

The argument further states: "The proposed amendment would cover any possible contingency that might arise." We think that is true, which is one reason for favoring the amendment, although there still may be a question of the success in a certain instance: a vacancy in the office of governor after a biennial election and before the organization of the new legislature.

The constitution provides that terms of legislators begins the day next after their general election, and further denies to legislators the right to continue to hold office "until their successors are elected and qualified." The president of the senate and the speaker of the house are officers of a legislature which is dead the day after the election. The senator may be a holdover, but his office in the legislature is washed out. Hence we have had through the years a gap in the succession, at least as far as a clear statement in the constitution is concerned.

In late 1932 a question arose after Willard Marks had resigned as president of the senate, as to the eligibility of Frank Lonergan, speaker of the house, to act as governor in the absence from the state of Julius Meier, then governor. Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle rendered an opinion that Lonergan was qualified to act. He based his reasoning on the sound ground that otherwise there would be an interregnum, that the speaker would function de facto if not de jure. It has always seemed to the writer that the court would take that view, and hold that the president of the senate, as a putative administrative officer, held over till his successor was elected and qualified.

The amendment puts in line the secretary of state and the state treasurer, whose terms do not expire until the January following an election and who are covered by the general extension of qualifications of officials "until their successors are elected and qualified." The language of the new amendment may require judicial construction as to whether the president of the senate or the secretary of state would become governor in the interval between the election and organization of the new legislature. The actual precedent has been established of a legislative officer functioning as governor in the interval. A dispute might arise in a similar contingency in the future. Probably the court would then hold that the term of president of the senate or speaker of the house expired with the death of the old legislature, and the succession would fall to the secretary of state or the state treasurer. However one or the other would be qualified to serve.

The amendment should be approved for two reasons, because it does provide a longer line of succession and because it does insure a constitutional successor to the governor at all times. Of course, if an atom bomb fell on the state house it might eliminate all five of these officials, though it is rare coincidences to have all five in the capitol at one time, except in legislative session—or three of the five for that matter. At least under the amendment we would not be so restricted as we are now in the succession.

Truman on Palestine

The timing of the appeal of President Truman to Great Britain, and his insistence over British objections to its immediate release gives it such a political flavor as to impair its effectiveness. The American president's demand that Britain open up Palestine for fresh Jewish immigration came on the eve of Yom Kippur, a sacred day for the Jews. The implication of the coincidence, right on the eve of national elections, can hardly be explained away, or justified. The Palestine question is not one of domestic American politics, even though it has been made so on numerous occasions in the effort to attract Jewish votes.

President Truman demonstrates that he did not regard Palestine just as a dumping place for Europe's unwanted Jews when he said he would recommend to congress the admission to thousands of additional displaced persons; but he must also have known that the mood of congress is such that the chance of getting such modification of our immigration laws is not bright. His leader of economic assistance has merit, but it is doubtful if that will reconcile the hostile Arabs.

This newspaper has been favorable to carrying out the recommendation of the Anglo-American commission for giving place to 100,000 additional Jewish immigrants in Palestine, accepting its opinion that this number could be admitted without jeopardizing the country's economic or political structure. But it is Britain that is caught in the light of the line, not ourselves. And since our country does not carry the responsibility of the mandate we have to be a bit conservative in telling Britain what to do. Truman has never accepted the proposal of Attlee and Bevin that American troops be assigned to help police Palestine if further immigration is allowed.

Despite reports of breakdown of the three-way conference in London there has been comment from informed sources that a solution will be worked out. The blunt demand of President Truman, even though prompted by humanitarian motives, may make a solution more rather than less difficult.

Hope and Realism

Recent agitation to withdraw American troops and aid from China finds no friend in erudite Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese ambassador to the United States, who told the American Legion delegates at San Francisco that such "sporadic and isolated clamors do not represent the sentiment of the Chinese people as a whole."

But more important than Dr. Koo's actual comments is the undertone of hope and the overtone of realism with which he attempts to explain China's problem. He declares China's unification "is not just in the cards but in the offing," a statement which, irreverently, might indicate Dr. Koo still hasn't a grasp of the fine line of demarcation in American slang. He declares there is a will to peace in every land, but he adds that events may overtake everyone's good will and drift along against the best intentions of nations—"so wisdom calls for preparedness." . . . which is not inconsistent with obligations under the United Nations.

If Dr. Koo's position did not demand that he speak in diplomacy instead of English, he would have pursued his point further that China provides the Asiatic bulwark of potential if not actual democracy. America possibly could be charged with delaying tactics to maintain a force, however small, in China. But if such tactics can aid in the maintenance of a national sovereignty until such time as China can stand on its own feet as a united democratic nation, their value can hardly be argued.

It looks as though Henry Wallace had dropped the political atom bomb of 1946, with his own democratic party the Hiroshima.

Paul Mallon's BEHIND THE NEWS

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—Where is the sugar? The New York waiters ask me. They have to handle it like gold, doling out little thin packages of perhaps 100 grains each, no two of which could make your morning coffee palatable. Grocers and consumers in the mid-west asked me, where is their sugar? They can't get as much as the coupon allows, and in some sections they say the commodity is more scarce than during the war. Further up the scales of commerce the industrial users of sugar have secretly formed a committee, which now is at work on the shortage to ascertain if more cannot be piled loose to keep businesses going better. Much talk is floating around the country about black markets and particularly blackmarket storage. Also about the huge supplies seen here and there. But according to my information even the commercial gangsters in the dark market business want to know what happened to sugar.

Production Maintained
You can launch your inquiry into the facts by ascertaining at once that there is no shortage of production. The Cuban crop, which normally supplies the northeastern United States, has run up one half million tons over last year. The domestic production of beet sugar out west has been good enough to make the commodity plentiful on the Pacific coast, where it is piling up, with importations, in storage bins, for a particular reason, to wit: The federal government has refused to allow sugar dealers to charge an increased price for the increased cost in handling, freight, cartage, etc., for shipping into the interior. The dealers claim they are operating on a small margin of profits and cannot afford to absorb this increased cost. So they store instead of shipping, and thus the interior of the nation has fallen far below its normal supplies, while at the points of shipping origin, the market is overflowing into storage.

So the shortage has been accomplished in the midst of abundance. Indeed there are some experts who suspect the Cuban crop is larger than the institute there has admitted, and that the excess is being bought by private interests and held from the market.

Shortage Amidst Plenty
However this may be, the shortage was accomplished by the shorts by what might be called the Wallace foreign policy. He advocated it. His foreign trade theory is that if we lend tremendous amounts of money abroad for foreign nations to buy things we do not have enough of, it derives to some unnamed parties. In a word, we have shipped tremendous amounts of sugar abroad. Out of a Cuban export crop of 3.8 million short tons in 1946, the government has allocated nearly half or 1.7 millions to Britain, France, Belgium, Norway, Switzerland, Finland and through UNRRA, Britain is getting 781 million pounds (not tons) mind you, Netherlands 158 and UNRRA 148 as the largest foreign users.

The confidential committee of the industry is trying to get these allocations changed. It is their claim that American business is suffering from these foreign allowances, which run much too high, and, in any event we should take care of ourselves first, and after scripping as much as we can in commodities here, ship only the excess abroad.

Expects Lengthy Crisis
The government experts, nevertheless, tell me the average sugar consumer in this country will be forced to live on his present empty-handed-to-mouth basis until next March or April, when the new Cuban crop comes in. My own personal belief is the crisis will last much longer unless the allocations are revised, because this government has already made private contracts to deliver the same or similarly large portions of our sugar to them next year. The government experts also claim the shortages in the central portions of the country and large storage on the coasts are due to shortage of box cars—whereas the shipping costs I have already explained are sufficient to cause the condition.

Another allocation this government has made in its management of sugar allows storage of 18 million pounds under a category described only as "reserved for military zones."

Termed Defense Move
This, the experts say, is a national defense move, the proportion of which can be measured when you consider that little Switzerland, which made the oil deal with Russia, is to get 45 million pounds.

Agitation against all this frozen and unsatisfactory condition of sugar affairs is beginning. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is making a study which will be out shortly. Together with the industrial committee movement, it may bring some changes to remedy the condition somewhat.

However, the major answer to the question of where the sugar is, most assuredly must be that it is being shipped abroad.

H. M. Randall to Speak At Parole Officers Meet
H. M. Randall of Salem, state director of parole and probation, will discuss parole and probation services during the eighth annual conference of the Western Probation and Parole association in Seattle this Friday and Saturday. More than 200 officers from eight western states are expected to attend.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"The Senator is very testy today, boys! His foreign policy speech failed to produce any international complications, or world-wide repercussions!"

IT SEEMS TO ME

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monotonous subject. Far from it. There are silver seas and blue seas; gray seas and green; stormy, sunny, threatening, lulling—a shifting world of moods, accents and colors. The painter has seen most of the moods, caught many of the colors.

In landscape Mr. Sheffers has been more the gentle companion; the countryside unfolds with a tenacious reticence and his brushwork has been satisfied to underplay rather than overplay what ever dramatic possibilities might have dropped up.

"Carmel Valley is lovely with green and Sunrises on Mount Jimenez, gray seas and green; stormy, sunny, threatening, lulling—a shifting world of moods, accents and colors. The painter has seen most of the moods, caught many of the colors.

"Mr. Sheffers has given a splendid account of a splendid land. Why we all do not rush at once to Oregon is beyond comprehension. At all events most of us can rush on a tiny scale and take in the Oregon which the painter of Carmel—seacoast, mountains, plains, and orchards. It is worth a visit. Indeed we may all be thrilled at this recognition given an Oregon artist. An Oregonian not by birth but by choice, Sheffers is loyal to this country and finds here abundant inspiration for the exercise of his remarkable talent. One of his fine, strong paintings hangs over the mantel in the lobby. It captures the feeling and the power of the rugged Oregon coast. It is not without the inland art critics are moved by his work into praise of the land he portrays.

Students Leave For Class Work

CLOVERDALE—Gordon Kunke moved to Salem last week and enrolled at Willamette University.

Edith Schifferer, a senior at OSC this fall, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schifferer Sunday.

Jack Vickers is a senior at Salem high school and drives, living at home with his parents.

Mrs. Clifford Feller is teaching Aumsville second grade this year. Election of officers at the local school placed Jerry Wipper as student body president; Paul Thomas, vice president, and Karl-Jensen Hager, secretary. Automatic oil heating system has been installed at the school along with other improvements to the basement. A cafeteria has been added to the school equipment.

LAUD HENRY WALLACE
SEATTLE, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Three democratic Washington congressmen joined today in sending a letter to former Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace, praising him for his foreign policy stand and urging him to speak in this state on that subject. The letter was signed by Reps. Hugh Delacy, John Coffee and Charles Savage.

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Club Program Is Outlined At Silverton

SILVERTON—Reports and plans for the year's work occupied the members of the Silverton Lions club at the week's meeting.

Joe Duncan told of attendance at a recent McMinnville Lions club meeting at which nine other local members also were present. The Silverton club plans to have the McMinnville members as guests in the near future.

Robert Miller, president, reported on the meeting of the Business and Professional Women's club October 1 at which a roundtable discussion for community betterment was held. Ralph Adams reported that the public dances held last year at the Knights of Pythias hall will get underway again soon. Program Chairman Clark Bachman announced that Howard Mann will present the program at next week's meeting. M. B. Ford reported on the program of the Boy Scouts work with special reference to the troop sponsored by the Lions club.

Olum Larson, secretary, gave the club a bulletin board, and Dr. A. L. V. Smith issued the first edition of the monthly bulletin.

Clifford Almqvist was honored with a birthday celebration at the close of the evening.

Five Quarts of Oil Taken in Theft

Someone got a free oil refill for his car after the General Petroleum station at Capitol and Market streets closed Friday night. Police report that five quart bottles of cylinder oil were taken by a thief who broke a small pane of glass, so that he could thrust his arm inside. Exactly five quarts are required to fill the crankcase of most cars.

Lebanon Reception Is Well Attended Tuesday

LEBANON—The local unit of the PTA held the annual reception for the teachers, Tuesday night in the high school recreation rooms. A larger number of parents were present than in any previous year. Mrs. Ralph Herron, president of the local group was chairman and Superintendent King spoke on the school bill to be voted on at the coming election.

Funeral Costs
The cost of funerals is frequently misunderstood. To give you a true picture of the facts, we quote figures from a recent study by National Selected Morticians, covering 104,179 funerals conducted by members in the United States. We are proud to be a member of this group.

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MOTHERS DISMISSED
Mrs. Norman Goines, route 2, Salem, and Mrs. William Clarence, Independence, were released, with their newborn daughters Saturday from Salem Deaconess hospital.

30-30 rifle, shotguns, pistols, muffin tins, white outside paint, rubber porkey-pig dolls, pressure cookers, radios, dishrags, 12 electric grinders, anti-freeze, and Christmas toys. Buy now. Nollman & Engler, 362 State St. Ph. 6062.

Volunteers wanted: Women and children over 10. Call Mrs. Ostrander, Chamber of Commerce, 9:00.

PROPERTY OWNERS TO MEET
The board of 12 directors of Salem's organization of the National Home and Property Owners' Foundation will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at 317 Court st., with J. F. Ulrich, president.

Horace D. McGee, M. D., announces the opening of his office with practice restricted to obstetrics and gynecology in suite 504, Guardian Bldg. Phone 3631 for appointment.

Wanted: Loan of \$4000 on well located home in Salem, Call 5838.

CARS COLLIDE
Cars driven by Clinton R. Mudd, 387 Mission st., and Chester Walling, route 2, Monmouth, collided Saturday afternoon at Liberty and Chemeketa streets.

Special-66' frontage on 99E, contains diner seating 13 persons. Doing a good business, \$3500, will handle balance monthly payments. Lee Ohmart & Co., Realtors, 447 Court St., Phone 9680.

RETURNS TO HOME
Otto Hunt, 795 Cross st., has been released from the hospital and is now able to receive visits from his friends.

Dexter grinding serv. Ph. 6833.
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Births
BROCKE—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brocke, Valselt, a son, Saturday, October 5, at Salem General hospital.

COLLINS—To Mr. and Mrs. Edman Collins, Detroit, a son, Saturday, October 5, at Salem Deaconess hospital.

THOMPSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Eliphas Thompson, 160 Union st., a daughter, Saturday, October 5, at Salem Deaconess hospital.

Chemeketans Plan Election
Salem's Chemeketans will return from their hike in the "Three Pyramids" area southeast of Daly Lake near Detroit today after an overnight outing, and tomorrow will meet at 8 p.m. in the YMCA for their annual business meeting.

Election of new councilmen will be announced at the Monday night meeting, and annual reports will be given. The new council will meet Wednesday night at the PGE building to elect officers for the coming year.

The Obsidians, a Eugene outdoor society, were guests of the Chemeketans during the weekend trip.

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