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Repealing the Six Per Cent Limitation

The Pendleton East Oregonian is disgusted with the six per cent limitation on taxing power, and calls it "a bottleneck that hampers all of the tax levying bodies in the state." As an alternate it suggests a limitation on the tax levy (the millage). Then as valuations increased more revenues from the same millage levy would pour into the public treasury.

The E-O things the six per cent limitation on the amount of the levy is retained because the legislature is run by a few lobbyists who are "in the service of their clients and not the state."

Our tax problem is not as simple as that. There is more powerful representation from tax spenders than tax conservers. The most the legislature could do on the six per cent limitation would be to submit a constitutional amendment; and that could be initiated directly if any group wanted to and could get enough signers.

Limitation by way of a millage maximum would not solve the financial needs of rapidly growing communities. Washington state has that, but in a variety of ways the millage has been moved beyond the 40-mill limit, and a sales tax is imposed. Washington has a much higher per capita tax than Oregon, yet the state faces a \$60,000,000 deficiency this biennium.

The six per cent limitation has plenty of faults; but we doubt very much if the people would repeal it—they rejected a modification of it at the last election.

The major trouble is simply that demands on the public treasury are greater than present taxing systems, federal or state or local, seem able to produce (with exceptions of course). And people insist on some limitation lest they be completely victimized by the tax collector.

Goat Mountain Road

In the county news occasionally mention appears of the road from Gates over the mountain ridge to the Elkhorn road in the Little Northfork valley. Its improvement has been urged to provide an additional outlet for folk in this valley. Over the weekend this writer made the trip "over the mountain" to see what we could see.

The mountain is well named "Goat mountain"; and a goat must have laid out the road. It is steep, narrow, crooked but not dangerous. The chief risk is getting mired down. At best it is just a fair weather road and will probably remain just that for many years. To make it a year-round road would be a costly undertaking. It is however kept open on the south side where there are some families living and some logging operations.

Many Municipal Elections Today

Portland's experience with Mayor Dorothy Lee and her insistence on the straight and narrow path and with former Sheriff Mike Elliott and his easy-going ways is not unique. It is part of what a Christian Science Monitor reporter calls "the greatest civic revival in American history"—a municipal self-searching that has already wrought changes in Jersey City, Kansas City, Los Angeles and other communities.

Today at least three more cities "still in the grip of dictatorial, spoils-ridden or incompetent and wasteful political machines" must choose between the status quo and a revolution. November 8 is election day in Boston, New York, Philadelphia and at least nine other sizeable cities.

In Boston, the unsavory Mayor James M. Curley, an ex-convict who has managed to keep

Welfare State Plan Involves Unions

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—With customary ability, John L. Lewis may duck under the wire. But it is still an important fact that President Truman has been prepared to use the Taft-Hartley act against the United Mine Workers' leader, from the very beginning of the present steel and coal strike emergency.

Thus far, throughout an industrial crisis which has already caused the American production index to drop twelve points, the White House has maintained "the appearance of a super natural calm. This calm has a, however, masked a coolly calculated strategy which says a great deal about the state of our labor laws, the state of our politics, and the state of Mr. Truman.

In effect, this White House strike strategy has been based on a sharp distinction between the politically friendly Philip Murray and his steelworkers and the politically hostile John L. Lewis and his miners. The whole federal mediation effort has been exclusively concentrated on securing the accord in the steel strike which now seems to be under way. And the intention has been to remove Philip Murray from the line of fire, and then, if necessary, turn all of the government's big guns on John Lewis.

Even the right moment to turn the guns on Lewis has been selected in advance. It has been

in office with only 40 per cent or less of the votes, is up for judgement again. If his opponents can combine their votes the old city can rid itself of his minority rule.

Newspaper exposes of political corruption, investigations, indictments and trials have enlivened the pre-election campaigns in Philadelphia but the machine in control there has held on for generations because of voter indifference. Once sufficiently aroused, Philadelphians could clean up their city hall.

In Yonkers, N. Y. a bipartisan political alliance that has kept a tight rule over municipal affairs faces the ballot-box test again.

Once a machine is firmly entrenched it takes a tremendous amount of indignation, enlightenment and hard work to move it out of city government. But it has been done when the citizens make clear their desires for good government and clean government. That's why for many U. S. communities, November 8 is a crucial date.

Achievement Via the Four H's

In Salem, everywhere in the valley, in all of the state's 36 counties, 28,000 4-H club members and their leaders are reorganizing and starting new clubs as the new 4-H season begins. And if the records made during the past year, are any indication, 4-Hers have a lot of work and a lot of fun ahead of them.

It's been that way for more than 30 years, since the 4-H movement was originated by the U. S. department of agriculture extension service and the land grant colleges. Today, nearly 2,000,000 boys and girls in 80,000 clubs in the U. S., territories and a dozen foreign countries, belong to this outstanding character-building agency.

The purposes and accomplishments of the 4-H movement are reasons enough for the support it has received from unrelated organizations (service clubs, schools, manufacturers) and businessmen.

The results in this area certainly justify their support. Salem became the first "small" city in the United States to have a full-time extension agent to handle 4-H club work by action of the city council this year. Nearly 2,500 Marion county boys and girls won a badge of distinction for completed projects during 1948-49.

Projects completed by the 9 to 21-year-old Oregon 4-H members included caring for 8,200 head of livestock, cooking 140,000 dishes, serving 35,000 meals, making 30,000 articles of clothing, owning 24,000 head of poultry and rabbits, enclosing 485 acres of land in crop projects, preserving 75,000 quarts of food.

That record is truly commendable but it's small compared to what could be done. Only 20 per cent of the young people eligible for 4-H club membership are enrolled and girls outnumber the fellows three to two. Enrollment this year increased by 2,000 over last; let's hope thousands more will take advantage of the Head-Heart-Health-Hands program before next Achievement Week (Nov. 5-13) rolls around.

The new waterlevel highway up the Columbia, built according to standard specifications, free of sharp curves or heavy grades, already is contributing to the accident toll. Five autos were wrecked in one 20-minute period Sunday. In some sections accidents occurred every 15 feet.

The only thing wrong with the road is that it is "too good." The balmy Sunday tempted big crowds of motorists, who proceeded to get bumpy with their driving.

For safety maybe traffic should be routed via the corkscrew original Columbia river highway.

foreseen that soon after a steel settlement, want of industrial machinery to grind to a second halt. And this, it has been calculated, will provide the right psychological atmosphere for unlimbering the heavy artillery.

Lewis, who is no fool, evidently fathomed the White House strategy rather early. This, one suspects, was the origin of his surprise attempt to blast both AFL and CIO to his bosom. In the very beginning of the steel strike, if the other labor leaders had not eluded Lewis' embrace, they would then have been bound to support the coal strike too.

As it is, Lewis remains isolated. The White House shrewdly calculates that the rest of organized labor will not really resent the use of the "slave labor law" to drive the maverick into line. And Lewis evidently agrees, judging by his sudden attempt to secure an accord with the "owners" which may be announced simultaneously with an accord in the steel strike. At the moment, it looks as though the mere implied threat of the White House strategy will spare the President the embarrassment of using the powers which he has asked the congress to do away with.

The first point to note about this strategy, which may work automatically without ever being unveiled, is its political astuteness. The embarrassment of using Taft-Hartley was frankly accepted, in a realistic manner, as less grave than the economic damage that could be done by inaction. But the sincere labor allies of the White House were to be spared, while an enemy was to be made to suffer.

Such careful calculation, such adroit planning, illustrate the very high political value the President places upon his labor support. The men who did the staffwork were Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin, White House

Small Points Of Etiquette Still Unsolved

By Henry McLamore
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Nov. 7.—Books of etiquette are all right as far as they go, but like the dollar of today they don't go far enough.

None I have ever seen furnishes a man with a good working knowledge of how to handle gracefully hundreds of maddening aspects of modern life.

The books of behavior now available are invaluable if all a fellow wants to know is such things as whether to wear black or white gloves when shooting pool, with a dowager, how to carve a kangaroo, whether a master plumber takes precedence over an antique furniture salesman when entering a dining room, and if it is fitting and proper for a father to pawn his daughter's engagement ring to be able to play a good thing at Belmont.

But what about information on more vital things such as, for instance, how to get a man out of a phone booth when he is in the only phone booth available, and has been in there long enough to have grown a beard?

Just what are you supposed to do when the man in the booth hangs up and you are saying to yourself, "Thank heavens he is coming out at last," he yanks out another coin and drops it in the slot?

You can't shoot him, because a silly law would get you in the hoosegow for such an action. And you can't open the door and yop him on the nose, being as most men who stay in phone booths for hours are always big, brawny, blue-whiskered cusses—or such has been my experience.

I do wish that Miss Post or some other authority on behavior would provide an answer.

And what about those washroom faucets which you have to hold to keep the water flowing and which Richard Armour has a little jingle about in the current Saturday Evening Post? Too many experiences with them will run a man crazy. Confronted by one of these taps, is it correct to go up in the hall and summon help—someone to hold the fool thing while you lather your hands and then go out in the hall again all soaped up and get another helper to hold the tap while you get the soap off your hands? Or is it best just to tear your hair, steam an rant and jump up and down until an alarmed management promises to put in more sensible devices?

I also would like to know just how to behave and what to say when elevator operators (and this is especially true of department store operators, all of whom must be inbred from sardine canneries) jam so many riders in the elevator that a normal and necessary function such as breathing becomes an impossibility. I don't know how many times I have suffocated between women's lingerie and bicycle parts, and furniture covers and aluminum ware.

And I am sure everyone who ever wrote a column would like an answer to this one: What do you say to a man, woman or child who asks why you don't write ten or fifteen columns in one day and then have two weeks of nothing to do? I have been asked this a thousand times, and I know my behavior has not been too nice. I just kick the questioner in the shins and break into big, heaving sobs.

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NEVER TOO LATE
LOS ANGELES (INS)—Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Raymond C. Scollin, ret., is working toward a college degree at Loyola University of Business Administration. The 44-year-old general joined the Marines at 14, rose to command the corps' airmen, during World War II.

Scientists have kept accurate records of sunspots since 1749.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Comrades, our civil liberties are threatened!... It ain't even possible to jump bail anymore..."

MR. INSIDE AND MR. OUTSIDE

IS SOMEONE BEING THROWN FOR A LOSS?



Prize Valley Mums Take Show Awards

By Mrs. Margaret Kurth
Statesman News Service

SALEM HEIGHTS—Prize chrysanthemums grown in and around Salem's "air conditioned" climate went on display Saturday morning at the Salem Heights community hall in a two-day show sponsored by the Little Garden Club of Salem Heights.

Northwest Oregon, from the Cascade mountains to the sea, is regarded by horticulturists as one of the best locations in the world for growing of chrysanthemums. All mums in the show were grown outdoors without the aid of artificial heat or glass, it was reported by Mrs. Virgil Sexton, show chairman, and Mrs. Ed. A. Carleton, show co-chairman.

Show winners were sweepstakes winner in horticulture division, Mr. E. A. Linden, Jr., 2775 Linden Lane, Salem. Sweepstakes winner in artistic arrangement, Mrs. A. W. Coons, 2395 S. 12th St.

Artistic arrangement, sec. 1. garden clubs displaying song themes, 1; Lashby Garden club, 2; Salem Garden club, 3; Friendly Neighbors Garden club.

Individual artistic arrangements, Sec. 2. class A, high over 15 inches, white 1. Mrs. A. W. Coon, 2. Carolyn Wilkes, 3. Mrs. William Sanders, pink, 1. Mrs. A. W. Coon, 2. Mrs. Joe Henney, 3. Mrs. Ed A. Carleton, yellow, 1. Mrs. Joe Henney, 2. Mrs. A. W. Coon, 3. Carolyn Wilkes, autumn, 1. Mrs. W. C. Thomas, 2. Mrs. Virgil Sexton, 3. Mrs. Joe VanCleave, purple, 1. Roy Brown, 3. Mrs. R. H. Parks, 3. Mrs. Virgil Sexton; High combinations of color 1. Mrs. Joe VanCleave, 2. Mrs. J. W. Douglas, 3. Joe VanCleave, class B, low 15 inches or under, pink, 1. Mrs. J. W. Douglas, 2. Carolyn Wilkes, 3. Joe VanCleave; Low autumn, 1. Carolyn Wilkes, 2. Mrs. A. A. Larson, 3. Mrs. Daryl Colgan, low yellow, 1. Joe VanCleave, 2. Mrs. Letty Genre, 3. Mrs. L. L. Bennett; low white, 1. Mrs. Joe VanCleave, 2. Mrs. J. W. Douglas, 3. Mrs. Robert Hawkins.

Class C, mass arrangements—1. Joe VanCleave, 2. Mrs. William Sanders, 3. Mrs. W. C. Thomas; class D, small arrangements 9 inches overall, 1. Mrs. Virgil Sexton, 2. Joe VanCleave, 3. Mrs. G. A. Carlson; class E, Cup and saucer arrangement, 1. Carolyn Wilkes, 2. Mrs. Lewis Judson, 3. Mrs. Lyle Bayne; class F, artistic arrangements using other flowers, 1. Mrs. A. W. Coon, 2. Mrs. J. W. Douglas, 3. Mrs. William Sanders; class G, berried shrub arrangement, 1. Mrs. R. H. Parks, 2. Mrs. Letty Genre, 2. Carolyn Wilkes; class H, dried arrangements 1. Mrs. Lewis Judson, 2. Mrs. Letty Genre, 3. Joe VanCleave; class I, Thanksgiving arrangements, 1. Mrs. Letty Genre, 2. Mrs. Lewis Judson, 3. Mrs. A. A. Larson; class J, juvenile nursery rhymes, 1. Jeannette Sprong, 2. Sandra Lee Corde, 3. Rosemary Sprong.

More than 200 entries were made into the show and the house was packed with visitors Sunday afternoon until the arrangements were moved out.

The artistic arrangements judges were Mrs. Allen Hennigan, Mrs. Norman Baker, and Mrs. Claude Housington, of Dallas. The horticulture judges were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Halvorsen of Silverton.

Many Inquiries Received on Timber Bids

Numerous inquiries have been received on the timber offered for sale by oral auction bidding Wednesday by the Salem district office of the bureau of land management, according to District Forester A. P. Collins, who will conduct the sale.

Eight parcels of timber with a total estimated volume of about 17,000,000 board feet and valued at approximately \$147,000, are included. These tracts lie in Clackamas, Yamhill, Polk and Linn counties.

The timber stands on reverted Oregon and California grant lands. Land grant counties, including Marion, receive 50 per cent of the gross proceeds from timber sales on O & C lands, Collins said.

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What is wrong with this sentence? "I'm feeling kind of poorly today." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "amicable"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Domination, dominating, domicile, domino. 4. What does the word "stole" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with "st" that means "to feign; or imitate"?

ANSWERS
1. Says, "I'm feeling rather ill (or, sick) today." 2. Pronounce am-i-ka-b'l, first a as in am, i as in it, second a undressed, accent first syllable. 3. Domicile. 4. A person not easily excited; one apparently indifferent to pleasure or pain. "A stole of the woods, a man without a tear."—Campbell. 5. Simulate.

Rent Hearing To Continue

PORTLAND, Nov. 7.—(P)—The rent decontrol hearing here will be continued Thursday night at the Civic auditorium.

A session last Friday ran all day and into the night hours. It was continued to allow other witnesses to appear.

The Oregon Apartment House association has asked an end to controls on rental property in the city.

The next total eclipse of the sun, visible in New York, will come on Oct. 26 in the year 2144.

DIAMONDS RESET WHILE YOU WAIT IN OUR OWN SHOP Terms If Desired



Sec. Acheson Leaves for Big 3 Confab

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—(P)—With a personal sendoff from President Truman, Secretary of State Acheson left by plane early tonight for a meeting of the western Big Three foreign ministers at Paris.

He will discuss with Foreign Ministers Bevin of Britain and Schuman of France problems arising from the east-west division of Germany, and the question of unification of Europe.

President Truman drove to the airport with Acheson. After wishing Acheson a good journey, the president chatted briefly with reporters. Asked if he had given any good advice to his secretary of state, he said:

"No. I've got him to give me advice."

Leaves in Stratocruiser
Acheson and 11 aides left in a giant 60-passenger Stratocruiser airliner, chartered for the trip. This plane was substituted late in the day when a smaller craft originally assigned to the mission developed engine trouble. Acheson is due in Paris about noon tomorrow.

Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky called on Acheson this afternoon and was closeted with him for 14 minutes. Vishinsky explained that he came to "pay his respects"; that he was in Washington to attend a celebration at the Soviet embassy tonight of the anniversary of the communist revolution in Russia.

Whether the Acheson-Vishinsky talk dealt with the east-west cold war was not stated.

Plans Conferences
Acheson will have time for conferences with Ambassador Lewis Douglas, U. S. envoy to Britain; John J. McCloy, high commissioner for Germany, and other top American representatives in Europe before the opening Wednesday of the latest series of Big Three talks.

These are scheduled to continue for two days, but officials said Acheson, Bevin and Schumann might keep their meeting going a third day.

Germany is generally expected to be the principal subject up for discussion, but American officials look for Acheson to press for action by the other western powers toward unity in western Europe.

The opening gun already has been fired by ECA Administrator Paul G. Hoffman in an American campaign to prevail on all the European beneficiaries of Marshall plan aid to speed the process of breaking down economic and political barriers among themselves.

The Paris meeting, the state department said, was arranged at Bevin's suggestion and will be concerned with problems of Germany, European unity and the defense of the west under the North Atlantic treaty.

NOW A PRIVATE
WASHINGTON (INS)—Robert Bishop, now a Marine private, served during the war with the British Commandos in Africa and at Salerno, was a member of Marshal Tito's bodyguard and later served as a major in the Canadian army.

FOR INSURED SAVINGS SEE First Federal Savings First Current Dividend 2 1/2% 1st Federal Savings and Loan Ass'n. 142 So. Liberty