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Getting Ready for the Whistle-Stops

President Truman offered no comment on the Eisenhower speech at Abilene, saying it was up to the people to decide in the coming elections. But Truman is not taking to the sidelines even if he has bowed out as a candidate. He is already practicing up on his whistle-stop talks. Anthony Leviero, member of the Washington staff of the New York Times, has catalogued the president's recent speeches, and the list shows clearly the "line" he expects to offer in the coming campaign. This is what Truman has done in his recent speeches:

Called for an uncompromising Fair Deal platform, including civil rights.

Assailed Big Steel, and asserted his belief that the steel companies wanted a strike.

Declared that the ceding of offshore oil rights to the states would be daylight robbery on a colossal scale.

Denounced the private utilities for opposition to public power and threatened them with possible prosecution under the Corrupt Practices Act.

Denounced the real estate lobby.

Denounced the American Medical Association.

Denounced "mossback" critics of his Administration's agricultural policy.

Denounced "political gangsters" who malign the vast army of Federal employees with indiscriminate charges of dishonesty and disloyalty.

Denounced Congress repeatedly for "fake economy" in its slashes of defense and foreign aid appropriation requests.

His views clash with those expressed by Eisenhower on civil rights (Ike would leave FEPC to states) and on title to offshore oil lands (Ike would let the states have them). The two would agree on abuse of "honest" government employees and on heavy slashing of foreign aid appropriations. Eisenhower probably is out of sympathy with Truman's attack on private enterprise (utilities, steel) and on the American Medical Association.

This much is clear that whoever are named candidates on the Republican and Democratic tickets, Harry Truman will be in there pitching for the Democrat. He and Ike may be friends, but Harry's political blood is thicker than the water of friendship.

State police and the district attorney of Josephine County located a big cache of slot machines in a chicken house near Grants Pass. The value of the machines were estimated at \$120,000. One man pleaded guilty to possession and was fined \$250, but who the real owners were has not been disclosed. The owners doubtless recall ruefully the line of the old song, "Who stole the lock on the henhouse door?"

Quite a sudden descent in the estimated requirements for satisfying the State Fire Marshal with respect to the horse show pavilion at the fairgrounds. Instead of a \$20,000 item the demand has shrunk to \$500 or a little more. Looks like a case of inside baseball which the customer in the grandstand doesn't see. Anyway it looks as if the horse show was safe on third though it didn't succeed in stealing a (new) home.

Moscow says it doesn't make any difference which candidate is elected president of the United States—they all are "stooges of capitalism." Moscow is right in one respect: all the candidates with any possible chance of election are hostile to Communism and Soviet aggression. All the Reds should understand this.

Excitement of GOP Race Overshadows Fact That Democratic Party Also to Nominate

By JOSEPH ALSOP

WASHINGTON—In the intense excitement of the Republican race, people tend to forget that the Democrats have also got to nominate a presidential candidate this year. But after Tuesday's voting in South Dakota and California, the Democratic outlook is also extremely interesting.

Sen. Estes Kefauver's triumphs in both primaries would normally place him well out in the lead for the Democratic nomination in all circumstances. As a practical fact, however, Kefauver's own managers concede that if Sen. Robert A. Taft is the Republican choice, the Democratic party is almost bound to draft Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois.

If Taft is nominated, the surge of feeling will be too strong for the Kefauver people admit, for their own forces or for the reluctant Illinois governor to withstand.

On the other hand, the Kefauverites are extremely confident, and with some reason, that their man will get the Democratic nomination if Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower is the Republican choice. Nor are they at all discontented by this second-best outlook. They have already parlayed a television reputation into a major presidential candidacy. With a bit more parlaying, and a lot of emphasis on General Eisenhower's domestic conservatism, they think Kefauver may even be elected.

The way they figure the senator's chances for the nomination is simple enough. They think he will go into the Democratic convention with close to 400 delegates, which will be a lot more

than any one else. Most of these, moreover, will be faithful supporters. The Kefauver delegate slates have been recruited from the political Adulterates. Most of them have no other allegiance, and few of them have enough independent standing to start trading on their own.

The senator's strategists figure, further, that both Governor Stevenson and President Truman will be unavailable, even for a draft, if General Eisenhower is the Republican choice. They do not fall into the common error of thinking the Illinois governor fears to run against the general. They know, rather, that Stevenson is strictly a middle-of-the-road Democrat, who cannot wage the kind of straight left-wing campaign that will be needed against Eisenhower.

As for the President, he refused the invitation of Democratic Chairman Frank McKinney to keynote the convention, for the specific reason that he did not want any draft. Truman to get started. Although a delegate himself, the President does not plan to attend the Democratic rally until some one has been named to succeed him. Then, as he has said, he will only appear to "deliver the valedictory." And in the last fortnight, when pressed by National Chairman McKinney and New York State Chairman Paul Fitzpatrick, Truman has sworn he would not accept a draft under any circumstances.

Because of his previous reverses, Sen. Robert Kerr is also crossed off as at best a vice-presidential possibility. If Kerr, Truman and Stevenson are thus discounted, only two major candidates are left among the Democrats. These are Sen. Richard Russell, who carries out Northern support, and W. Averell Harriman, a late entry, not taken seriously as yet by many Democratic leaders, and poison to the Southerners because of his forth-

right pro-New Deal-Fair Deal-civil rights stand.

In this situation, the Kefauver strategists think that the real danger to their man will come from such presently inactive candidates as Vice-President Alben Barkley and Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn. If they could each remove a decade from their ages, both Rayburn and Barkley would be leading presidential possibilities already.

The widespread hatred of Senator Kefauver, both among Democratic congressional leaders and among liberal Republicans, might well cause the convention to name either Barkley or Rayburn as a "caretaker candidate" against Eisenhower. Vice-President Barkley has hopelessly invited just such a development, by persuading the Kentucky Democrats to name two Negroes and three labor leaders as Kentucky delegates-at-large—a truly remarkable development. But the Kefauver managers point out that if the Democrats make the Barkley-Rayburn type of choice, it will only be because dislike for Kefauver is so strong among the senior men in the party.

They point out further that when the chips are down, most people refuse to cut off their noses in order to spite their faces. They argue, therefore, that Senator Kefauver's power as a vote-getter will bring the convention around in the end.

There are some indications already, moreover, that this analysis is correct. Fitzpatrick of New York, for instance, has been giving little hints that he will begin to think about Kefauver if the Harriman candidacy fails, and there have been similar hints in New Jersey. Just one big Northern state breaking to him should be enough to put Kefauver over. In short, always assuming the Republicans do not name Taft, the Kefauver hopes are now very high.

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McKay to Abilene and Return

Oregon's Governor Douglas McKay flew off to Abilene to join others in greeting Eisenhower as the returning conquering hero and candidate for the GOP nomination for President. The governor traveled at his own expense, but there may be some who croak over his journey.

We're glad the Governor is taking part in national political affairs. Oregon may be a small state out on the West Coast, but why shouldn't our governors take a hand in national party politics the same as governors—and senators and congressmen—from the South, the East and the Midwest? The more our state leaders participate in affairs the greater the recognition accorded the state. If McKay is backing the winning horse, which seems a strong possibility, then he—and Oregon—will be in a preferred position during the next administration. And certainly Eisenhower needs the governors since he has so few congressmen supporting him.

A postal card written by a man in Dorchester, Mass., and addressed to "Oregon Embassy, Washington, D. C." was delivered to the office of Cong. Walter Norblad, who represents the First District. He wrote to assure the correspondent that Oregon was not a foreign country and so didn't maintain an "embassy" in Washington. He furnished him with a lot of literature on this state... We hope he didn't send him a copy of the railroad map put out by Sixth Army.

We have heard a great deal about streamliners in railroad passenger service, but little about freight. Now the transcontinentals are speeding up their freight trains. All of them are announcing sixth morning delivery at West Coast terminals of freights from Chicago. Truck competition has spurred the rails to action, and improved roadbeds and diesel power have made possible this cut of 24 hours in freight service.

Reed College will have a new president. He is Duncan S. Balantine, who has been associate professor of history at MIT. Serving very ably as a labor of love has been E. B. MacNaughton of Portland whose qualities of leadership and ability in finance have served Reed well in critical years. At age 39 Balantine has the prospect of many years of service in an institution nationally known for its high standards of scholarship.

On horseback Queen Elizabeth II took the salute of an army battalion in the ceremony of "trooping of the colors" to honor her birthday. This is the first time a queen in England has appeared in public since the reign of Elizabeth I. It shows the new queen is going to get around, even on horseback.

Postal employees are getting their pay ten days late, but this wasn't due to delays in the mail service. Congress was slow passing the necessary appropriation bills.

Ezzard Charles demonstrates anew Thursday night that ex-champs don't come back. It might be more correct to say that Joe Walcott provided the demonstration.

Eisenhower is described as a middle-of-the-road candidate. That gets him brickbats and bouquets from both sides.

Corvallis is going to add fluorides to its water. Over here we're still plugging along on good old chlorine.

FASCIST LEAFLETS!



The Safety Valve

SUPPORT FOR PRICE SUPPORTS

To the Editor:
I wish you would reprint the attached editorial from Wallace's Farmer on the subject of support for farm prices.

Arthur H. Bone
Editor Oregon Farmer Union
No Price Supports?
PRICE SUPPORTS for farm products can save money for consumers. Unfortunately not all consumers know this. Nor all farmers.

Price supports level out the ups and downs of farm production and of farm product prices. Take potatoes. No supports in 1951. And some prospect of price ceilings. Average was cut and the price went up.

Consumers paid millions more for potatoes in 1951 than they did in 1950. In 1950, the government paid out 63 million dollars in subsidies to potato growers. But consumers got the money back several times in lower potato prices.

Actually the method used to support potato prices was clumsy and unnecessarily expensive. But still the consumer came out ahead.

With more sensible methods, consumer gains would have been much greater.

Wouldn't the consumer be better off if price supports for hogs had encouraged more pig raising in 1952? We won't know until next winter, of course. But there is a chance that price supports for hogs last winter would have helped farmers this year and consumers next year.

Two things are necessary on price supports, if they are used: 1. Change price supports according to consumer demand. A price support of 100 per cent of parity for one product may encourage heavier production than the nation needs. A price support of 70 per cent may be too discouraging.

2. Use sensible methods of price supports. Production payments will avoid waste of perishables. Commodity loans work well on corn, wheat and other storable products.

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Eisenhower with Joe Stalin, but the inference is there plain enough.

This weird network in operation in this country would destroy patriotic Americans in its frenzy against Communism which at root may be largely anti-Semitism. The survivors of the old Christian Front and pro-Nazi elements are parts of this network. It fosters Ku Kluxism in a most virulent form.

Moving parallel or sometimes joining the Black Network are certain religious primitives who seem to have no difficulty in putting God on the side of stark reaction.

The publications, the smears, the assassinations of character come to the surface, for the poison must be put in circulation if damage is to be done. What isn't revealed is the source of support for these leagues and organizations, sheltered often in the holy names of "American" or "Constitutional". Some one is putting up the dough to print and to distribute Headlines, Williams Intelligence Digest and Republican Partisans stuff.

False and offensive as most of this material is, usually it is self-defeating. The insinuations are so gross, so overdone that only the glib mind will accept them as valid. Headlines with all its vicious smear will not hurt Eisenhower whose reputation for loyal Americanism has been proven in war and in peace. The real worry is that there are so many with warped minds, and so many suckers with money to finance them. They are a continuing menace, just as the Red underground was. The searchlight of publicity should be turned on them.

Some people are denouncing price supports for farm products as unjustified subsidies for farmers. Actually price supports—properly handled—can be good for the whole nation.

—Wallace's Farmer

S.M.U. Owns Ancient Car

DALLAS (P)—One of the most unusual assets of Southern Methodist University is an elegant 1929 Franklin automobile.

It was given to SMU by a whimsical alumnus in 1950 and has been parked on fraternity row ever since. The idea of the donor was that the engine be used in laboratory displays.

"We'll have to get some special equipment before we can tear that engine out," says Prof. Charles A. Besio of the SMU mechanical engineering department. "It's a 6-cylinder, air-cooled engine and still runs fine. But it weighs four times as much as most auto engines today."

ROSE DEADLINE NEAR

Rose growers planning to exhibit in the Salem rose show at the YMCA this weekend were warned Friday that deadline for placing of exhibits is 11 a. m. Saturday. The show will be open to the public from 2 to 9 p. m. Saturday and 1 to 6 p. m. Sunday.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "If anyone of you people think this is true, they are wrong."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "guerilla"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Militia, regalia, vanilla, mazaia.

4. What does the word "glibble" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with elr that means "to surround, as by stratagem"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "If anyone of you people thinks this is true, he is wrong." 2. Pronounce ge-ril-ee as in get, i as in ill, unstressed, accent second syllable. 3. Mazaia. 4. Easily deceived or cheated. "Glibble" humanity is ever ready to listen." 5. Circumvent.

Literary Guidepost

By SHERRY BOWEN

SOIL AND CIVILIZATION, by Edward Hyams (Thames and Hudson; \$4.50)

If you think soil is just dirt "Soil and Civilization" can change your mind. If you think only farmers and scientists can find such stuff interesting at book length, Hyams is the fellow to show you your mistake.

The book has one great defect and the author points it out. It assumes that soil alone shapes "the character of the community." You are bound to ask, "How should I weigh soil influence against other factors?"

You will not find the answer here. But the author might well have said that you can't find anyone who can weigh the forces that mold a community.

The book gives a fresh and vital view of history. You know it is warped because Hyams tells you so. But he can convince you it is important. And he makes you feel that he is writing about one of the top-drawer keys to the future.

You travel through the ages and watch Egypt, the Near East, Greece, Italy, the United States, China, Russia, India, Ancient Peru and Europe develop as products of the soil.

At your elbow is a man who says he is not a scientist. But he can weave together facts from many sciences more effectively than most scientists.

You can suspect some of his facts and conclusions while still

Alumni Day At Oregon U Set June 14

EUGENE — The University of Oregon's annual Alumni Day will be held this year on Saturday, June 14, and will be featured by reunions of the classes of 1902, 1912, 1917, and 1927, announces Lester E. Anderson, alumni director of the university.

Alumni Day will open at 8 a. m. with the annual meeting and breakfast of the State Association of University of Oregon Women. This will be held in the Erb Memorial Union for university alumni and senior women.

At 12 noon the annual university luncheon will be held in the Union. Special guests at this event, which honors all alumni, will be members of the reunion classes.

Anderson will be toastmaster at the luncheon. The speaker will be Frank Van Dyke of Medford, member of the State Board of Higher Education. Gold and silver "O" certificates will be presented to members of the classes of 1902 and 1927 by University President H. K. N. W. W. W.

Members of the class of 1902 will carry out a "regeneration" ceremony at the luncheon. They will march into the room wearing caps and gowns and will receive their certificates as though they were diplomas. Leslie M. Scott, former Oregon state treasurer and president of the Half-Century Club of the Alumni Association, will present members of the 1902 class with membership cards.

Reunion representatives will give short talks at the luncheon. For the class of 1902, Allen H. Eaton of New York City will speak. On behalf of the class of 1912 the speaker will be Judge Martin Hawkins of Portland. Nicholas Jauregui of Portland will represent the class of 1917, and Earl Chiles of Portland will speak for 1927.

Official Count Shows Final of County's Voting

Final official tabulation of the Republican vote in the May 16 primary election showed no material change from the unofficial compilation, figures from County Clerk Henry Mattson's office showed Friday.

District attorney—Kenneth E. Brown 6,242; Hattie Bratzel 5,876; Cecil Quesseth 5,082; Joseph Meier 2,493.

County judge—Rex Hartley 16,641; miscellaneous 11.

County commissioner—Roy Rice 11,197; Karl Wipper 7,525; miscellaneous 7.

Sheriff—Denver Young 15,089; Emery Jackson 4,651; miscellaneous 4.

County clerk—Henry Mattson 16,711; miscellaneous 3.

County treasurer—Sam J. Butler 16,468; miscellaneous 4.

County assessor—R. (Tad) Shelton 9,742; J. F. Remington 8,874.

County surveyor—A. D. Graham 15,893; miscellaneous 9.

County coroner—Leston Howell 10,603; Charles Claggett 8,201.

Salem constable—Earl Adams 11,735; miscellaneous 31.

Photo Contest To Feature Area Buildings

Structures of historic significance and architectural character will form the basis for a photo contest sponsored by the Salem Art Association, it was announced Friday.

The contest is open to anyone "who does not make a practice of taking pictures for commercial sale."

Merchandise prizes are to be awarded the first- and second-place winners in several divisions. The announcement said the structure—subjects should be around 50 years old or older, and be within a five-mile radius of Salem.

Five pictures may be entered by any one competitor, although only two from each could figure in awards. Entries must be on 8x10 prints, mounted in unembossed standard quality 16x20 white salon mounts. Negatives are not to be entered but must be available to the Salem Art Association as historical records.

Judging will be based on historical significance, architectural quality, artistic presentation and photographic quality.

The committee in charge consists of Mrs. W. E. Anderson as chairman, Don Dill, John Durr, Mrs. Ralph Clifford and James L. Payne.

Entries must be received at the Salem Chamber of Commerce by October 1, 1952, with proper entry blank and nominal fee.

Garden Clubs Name

Two Valley Women

PORTLAND (P)—Mrs. L. W. Franks, Redmond, Friday was elected president of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs.

Elected to serve with her were Mrs. Byron Bradshaw, Albany, vice-president; Miss Clair Hanley, Medford, president-elect; Mrs. E. W. Jermak, Ashland, recording secretary; Mrs. John Henderson, Redmond, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Norman Baker, Dallas, treasurer.

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Bean Pickers to Get 2½ Cents Again in '52

A bean-picking price of 2½-cents per pound with a one-quarter-cent bonus was set by the Oregon Wage and Hour Commission, Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey announced Friday.

This is the same as the 1951 picking price, Kimsey said, and was set after a public hearing in which representatives of the bean growers' association participated.

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty

