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Growth, Unlimited

Twenty years ago the politicians were crying over "no more frontiers" and excess manufacturing capacity. They argued that our economy had become mature, and painted a gloomy picture for the future. Not only should we plow under the excess pig crop but we should abandon some of the factories and apartment houses because they weren't needed.

No one sings that tune nowadays. Even those who fear a business reverse do not prophesy permanent decadence. Instead the prevailing philosophy is one of supreme optimism.

The reason is that politicians have discovered what economists knew all along that there was no limit in sight to human wants. And new technologies have not only shown how to satisfy those wants more fully, they have created new wants! All this so far with virtually no exploitation of atomic energy whose potential is not even ready for exploration.

Taking note of our industrial expansion U. S. News and World Report cites the industries which have been leaders in opening new frontiers in the past decade. It lists electronics up 20 times; aluminum, up almost five times; chemicals up nearly four times and power up more than two times. It observes that "These 'growth industries' will serve in years ahead to keep the national economy young and vigorous, where it once was suspected by many of being old and shriveling."

What must be preserved is the right climate for growth. The great majority of Americans are firmly convinced that free, competitive enterprise provides the best climate for economic development. There must be however certain political restraints against the evils of monopoly, the exercise of arbitrary power by individuals or groups against the broad public interest. And the taxing system must be equitable, apportioning burdens fairly, keeping the country's fiscal system sound, and preserving individual incentive.

The opportunities are here. We must not muffle them by mis-government or lose them by an excess of pessimism.

Attracting Industry

The Salem Chamber of Commerce, chided at times because Salem has not attracted industry in droves, has laid a lot of groundwork for future developments, regardless. And now it comes up with purchase of nearly 100 acres near the airport southeast of Salem, presumably to be made available to new business at lowest possible cost. The action is commendable.

Whether for the good or bad, Salem has grown to a point which makes new payrolls mandatory if its economy is to continue on the sound basis for which it is known. Advantages are outstanding for industry in this area. It is known that several sizeable developments now seem almost past the talking stage, and that a variety of businesses are becoming increasingly interested. Available property will play a major part in their final decisions.

The southeast property is not the only area in range in which industry will be interested, however. The now-contemplated area-wide survey of potential industrial locations comprises a fine program.

Better Upkeep for Willson Park

The condition of Willson Park is a disgrace. Tall weeds are in the pansy beds, grass is unmowed, and tree boughs scattered over the grounds. This is Salem's show place and should be kept well tailored. Never have we seen it in such a state of neglect.

City Manager Franzen promises to initiate a cleanup at once. The job isn't one for a "once-over" operation. The park should always have first claim to attention and funds to keep it in tip-top shape.

In Line of Duty

Phil B. Lowd, member of the state police who was shot and killed by a mountain hermit in Jackson County, was the ninth member of this

Dozen Republicans in 'Trading Position' That Could Gain No. 2 Spot for One of Them

WASHINGTON (CQ) — With Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower leading the back in the race for the Republican Presidential nomination, the "favorite son" and "dark horse" candidates aren't given much chance to nab the GOP post.

But about a dozen key Republican political figures are in good trading positions for the No. 2 spot, and the dickering for the second-rung place actually may decide who gets the Presidential nomination. In the remote possibility that the two pre-convention "strong men" struggle to an unbreakable deadlock, one of these outsiders might step up.

Besides the two front runners, four Senators, four governors, a Representative, a general and a university president loom as men to watch in the maneuvering for the GOP Vice Presidential nomination.

The Senators' overall position is a good one, even though one of the outstanding candidates for the Presidential nomination also is a Senator. The GOP tried a ticket of two governors—Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Earl Warren of California—in 1948, and might tap a brace of Senators for 1952.

Since his record-breaking California primary victory, Sen. William F. Knowland has figured importantly in conjecture over the GOP Vice Presidential spot. Other leading contenders from

the GOP's Senate ranks are Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.), strong Taft backer who has been chosen to make the nominating speech for his man; Sen. Homer Ferguson, whose 46-vote Michigan delegation is uncommitted and who is in position to trade; and Sen. Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts who is backing Eisenhower.

The list of Republican governors who might be tapped for Vice President has been limited by their own activities for either Taft or Eisenhower and by geographic considerations. Some have so strongly opposed one of the top contenders that they hardly could run on his ticket. Paradoxically, if the man they have supported was nominated for President, they probably would not be considered for the second spot, because of the danger of a party split.

Gov. John Fine of Pennsylvania is not committed to either Taft or Eisenhower and is credited with control of about half of his state's big block—70—of convention votes. Followers of politics say Fine might be the "swing man" in a maneuver to line up the Presidential nomination for Taft or for Eisenhower.

Gov. John Davis Lodge of Connecticut might be a "harmony" choice. Twenty of his state's 22 delegates are pledged to Eisenhower and Lodge has backed Ike—but not "all-out."

Officially uncommitted, but

force to lose his life in line of duty. This is a pretty heavy toll for a comparatively small organization. A few weeks ago a police officer at Silverton, Emory Jackson, was a similar victim as he was making a police investigation.

So long as the killer instinct survives we shall have killings of police officers; and perforce we must have police to restrain those with criminal tendencies. The long record shows it is a hazardous calling; and that ought to make society far more appreciative than they are of the work of the police establishment from FBI through state and local police and sheriff's deputies.

Taft says he'd spend less money on aid to Europe than Ike. Sort of a reverse of the Ethel Merman song "Whatever you can do I can do better, bigger, longer, et al."

Hugh Earle, collector of internal revenue, reports that the publication a few months ago of names of persons entitled to tax refunds brought inquiries from about a third of the persons listed. If publication works that well on refunds maybe it would work in priming payments by delinquents.

Coming to Salem to run off the recent convention of the Oregon Bankers Association, despite a serious heart condition, proved too much of a strain for Elwyn H. Greenwood, association secretary. He succumbed on Thursday. During the convention he did not spare himself, trying to make sure that members and guests were taken care of and program numbers run on schedule. Able and affable, he will be missed in the banking fraternity.

A University of Chicago professor complains that boys and girls these days can't read any better than their grandparents did. Maybe he's right but we had understood the chief complaint was that our youth couldn't do things as well as their grandparents.

A few prices have slipped and in some areas business has seemed to be in slight recession but when the N. Y. stock market reaches a 22-year high, as it did this week, it doesn't give much meat for the viewers—with alarm.

Taft says he sees no great difference in principle between himself and Eisenhower on foreign and domestic issues. That will certainly disappoint a lot of the followers, and surprise a good many of Taft's.

The 1952 pig crop is reported at 9 per cent under that of last year. Don't worry though. There still will be plenty of baked ham for next winter's banquets.

Editorial Comment

BETTER OUT-OF-DOOR HOUSEKEEPING

Visitors to the national parks, we read, are being handed stout paper bags on which is printed this message: "This is your TRASH BAG. Please use it as a container for your wastepaper, tin cans, bottles and other debris and deposit it or empty it in one of the trash cans provided for your convenience. Trash along roadsides is a national problem. You can help solve it by carrying and using containers similar to this wherever you may travel." The same thing is being urged by the Oregon State Motor association as a means of keeping litter away from the roadsides.

Some sort of reward should be paid to the Park Service man who came up with this idea. At Crater Lake, when we visited it last year, the litter that had been thrown down along the walks and in the nearby growth of shrubs, grasses and flowers was unsightly to a high degree. There were trash cans here and there but no one, apparently, bothered to carry his litter to deposit it in one of them. The sort of thing that nobody would think of doing in his own front yard everybody was doing in the park. We suppose the same conditions prevail in the other parks.

On the roadsides it's the discarded beer or soft drink bottle that is most frequently seen. These are not only unsightly but dangerous.

Here's hoping that the lesson in the parks and the appeal of the Motor Association helps to develop better out-of-door housekeeping practices. —(Bend Bulletin)

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty Tombstone



"Really, Fignewton, I've never been so humiliated!... everybody has a plan to fix the Russians but you..."

Comes the Dawn by Conrad Franke

The paper mill often gets the old what-for from local nose holders for creating occasional odors—but here's one time it stymied a stench before it happened. Seems that during high water periods lots of carp come into the Willamette River slough (behind the mill) and get marooned in low water. Last winter's carp accumulation was a heavy one—some of the fish measuring over 40 inches long. And when they started dying they deceased in droves. So the paper mill, instead of carping about the whole thing, sent men to dispose of the finished fish before they smelled up the village. No, they (the fish) were not trout.

Ever had your patio in print? Well, Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Miller (he's mgr. Moore Bus. Forms) have their patio, barbecue and sunporch all displayed to the public eye in latest issue of Sunset mag. The Millers, who live on Shoreline Dr. in Manwin Gardens section, designed and built their patio, etc., and their efforts are included in a big layout of other prominent West Coast patios...

Speaking of the State Fair... While workmen of the Cleveland Wrecking Co. were struggling to get the statue of Justice from off the courthouse top, a wrecker was bemoaning the sad fact that on all these big jobs there's always some sidebar activity to hold up the main effort—which is to tear the dang building down, period. As he was talking, up glides Vince Elliott, State Fair publicity man, with a peachy scheme to fotog a gal dressed in an old fashioned bathing suit standing beside the copper goddess. "See what I mean," groaned the nervous wrecking gent, "always something."

While the clock tower and cupola on the old courthouse were being torn down county employees watched the sad process from windows of their temporary offices a few blocks away in the school office building... Ditto for bussybodies in Masonic Bldg. offices, who had a grandstand view of the entire proceedings... Turned out the statue was modeled after a rather plump, hefty-looking gal and cost \$315 in its day (50 years ago)... It was hallow and held in place by a short piece of pipe which ran down through the figure into the cupola at its bare feet... One old fellow watched the goddess come down and sighed: "There isn't any justice in Salem anymore."

Gymnasiums in the new proposed South Salem High School will be plenty colorful... Architect's plans show 10 basketball courts marked with either black or white; 10 volleyball, marked with yellow; six badminton, lined with blue, and two softball, outlined in green... Statesman's Newseditor Wes Sullivan, after watching scores of sidewalk superintendents at the courthouse, trotted back to the office with this idea. To wit: A sign at the courthouse grounds: "When you are through inspecting this job, come on over and help with the progress of the new Statesman building one block north."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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often with stimulus from politicians, have sought increases in their welfare checks. The commission has tried to be realistic both ways, sparing of public funds which must be collected from the people, yet endeavoring to meet the subsistence needs of the elderly and of others eligible to receive grants.

It is worthy of note that in all these years that Jack Luihn has been chairman of the commission there has been no scandal in its handling of public moneys. In its time it has received and disbursed around half a billion dollars. Individual cases of mistakes in grants, yes; but to misappropriation or mismanagement of magnitude. There has been no "uprising" among the elderly or other beneficiaries of public welfare. Standards for the care of aged and of children have been improved. The commission has operated within the limits of its appropriations.

All this testifies to the fine work of the commission. Jack Luihn and Mrs. Honeyman are the only ones who have served right through from 1934 to the present, but H. H. Lake, also of Portland, is another veteran. Hugh Ball of Hood River and Mrs. Arthur Goldsmith of Portland, both now deceased, worked for many years on the commission. Additional present members are Bardi G. Skulason and Mrs. Lee Patterson of Portland and Ira D. Staggs of Baker.

This commission is a good sample of the Oregon system of

government which pretty well excludes politics from the strictly administrative functions of government. The pattern in the case of this commission was laid by Governor Meier who set up the first state relief committee, and by Governor Martin, so it has been easy for succeeding governors to hold to the original standard. Also deserving of great credit was the first administrator, Elmer Goudy, and his successor and the present administrator, Miss Loa Howard. If the state commission itself had not held firm to high principle in the conduct of this important agency, seeking always the dividing line between meeting human need and conserving public funds, the administration of public welfare in Oregon could have deteriorated—as it did in many states.

At times the commission has struggled hard with legislative committees to obtain adequate funds or to protect the law against fatal amendment. At times the commission has had to hold firm against those who would, in the name of the aged, raid the public treasury. Jack Luihn, and others who have served through the years, have stood to their stations in both instances.

Perhaps because the state public welfare commission functions so smoothly and is so generally accepted as a responsible agency may be the reason why Jack Luihn's reappointment gets only a three-line mention. That it claimed no headline may in itself be "the perfect tribute."

TAIL CLEARING

BE LIN (INS)—Latest order to Soviet zone farmers is to deliver an annual 15 grams of tail-hairs from each piece of cattle they own. The "tail-clearing," necessary for the fulfillment of the delivery quota, should be done best in autumn, the order says. Also, farmers are told to make sure that the hairs are washed and dried prior to delivery.

Waldo Hills. He spent part of his life on the Scriber residence at 945 S. Commercial St., working with his father as a blacksmith downtown.

John and a friend, Al Coolidge of the Coolidge and McClain Bank in Silverton, went on a hunting trip in the Silverton Hills. One of their guns, accidentally discharged, shattered Scriber's heel. He was taken to Silverton and a Dr. Davis

from Salem started out on horseback to meet him.

In spite of the doctor's ride, gangrene set in and Scriber died. He was buried in the Scriber family lot and a stone erected over his grave. When John's parents passed away, they were buried beside him and a new tombstone erected with all three names. The old stone was discarded.

Now the question is, who threw the stone in Mrs. Patton's yard?

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