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Oracle Failure

The Oregon Voter, gleeful over the nomination of Douglas McKay, chortles a bit in its last issue over the discomfiture of the editor of The Statesman who had supported McKay's opponent, Phil Hitchcock. The Voter takes note that The Statesman editor did not function as the Republican oracle on this occasion, even in his own county. It suggests that other editors who endorsed Hitchcock may feel "let down" for having foolishly followed the lead of The Statesman.

Well, we credit Oregon editors with a high degree of intelligence as well as independence. Whatever "let down" they may feel is more apt to come from feeling the voters let Hitchcock—and perhaps the party—down. As for the "oracle" business we hope our sense of humor is too lively to presume on such a role, for we recall the scorn of Gratiano in "The Merchant of Venice":

"There are a sort of men whose viages Do cream and mantle like a standing pond, And do a willful stillness entertain With purpose to be dress'd in an opinion Of wisdom, gravity, profound conceit; As who would say, 'I am Sir Oracle, And when I ope my lips let no dog bark.'"

A veteran editor is not distressed by the barking of dogs, even at his own heels. They add zest to his occupation. Our own head has oft been bloodied in defeat, even in our own city and county—witness fluoridation, county zoning... and "Venus Victorieuse" (see what we're getting in its place!)

Fact is, The Statesman's recommendation in the late primary was not based on any expectation of victory for Hitchcock. We did not see how, in his first state-wide race, he could win from McKay, who had proved himself a popular figure. Our endorsement was given for the reasons stated, and was qualified by the comment that others might judge the situation differently. An editor who merely tries to "pick the winner" may qualify as some sort of oracle, but we hope not to become so spineless as to make that a final test of editorial endorsement.

Grants Pass and Medford are only 35 miles apart but the editors of the two dailies are poles apart. Editor Frank Streeter, of the Grants Pass Courier, a survivor of GOP standpaters, and Editor Bob Ruhl, of the Medford Mail-Tribune, a free wheeling editor who strongly supports Sen. Morse, just never see eye-to-eye on anything political. Now they are in dispute over just what McKay called Morse in the late campaign. Ruhl stated that McKay "often" called Morse an "unadulterated" liar. Streeter denies it, says that McKay merely was reading from a Courier editorial which declared that "anyone who claims that there was anything shady about McKay's part in the Al Serena case is a plain, unadulterated liar." We will not undertake to settle the controversy but would raise the question of when is a liar "adulterated" or "unadulterated." And which is the worse characterization?

Col. Arthur M. Sheets, state director of civil defense, back from the mid-Pacific where he witnessed the explosion of the big H-bomb, gave out a very optimistic interview to the Corvallis Gazette-Times. He declared that Russia never will be able to pass the free world in the development of nuclear weapons. He expressed high praise for American scientists, and was deeply impressed with the extreme care taken in preparation for the H-bomb testing. Having read so many gloomy articles telling how fast Russia was catching up with the USA—or getting ahead of us, it is refreshing to have this word from an old soldier that "our side" is doing a pretty good job after all.

New Interior Secretary

President Eisenhower found a good man for secretary of the interior in his own staff at the White House—Fred Seaton, Nebraska publisher, former senator from that state, a strong Eisenhower booster in 1952 and more recently a "deputy assistant" on the President's staff. His predecessor, Douglas McKay, has praised the nomination, and so have the latter's arch foes, Senators Morse and Neuberger, the latter sounding off to claim it a repudiation of the policies of McKay, on the ground that the President passed over Clarence Davis, the acting secretary, who is also from Nebraska—a far-fetched assumption. Seaton is described as a "liberal Republican"; but he endorses the principle of partnership power development by private and public bodies. He voted against the offshore lands bill, which Eisenhower favored, but supported the St. Lawrence seaway which had the endorsement of the President. Seaton has asked Davis to stay on as undersecretary, —as former Nebraskans the two must know each other well.

The appointment appears to be a good one. It will be interesting to see whether he is subject to savage attacks as was his predecessor. In administering this department with its power over natural resources you can't keep everyone happy.

Like the four-minute mile, once a record is broken it seems to crumble. In 1953 Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norkay his Nepalese guide, reached the summit of Mt. Everest, first men to stand on its summit though many previously had tried to scale the highest peak on the globe and a number had lost their lives in the attempt. Last week a party of Swiss mountaineers climbed to the summit twice. This will not make it a common jaunt for a weekend hiking club, but it does show that the mountain can be conquered given experienced mountaineers with proper equipment—and favorable weather conditions.

After a visit at the White House and an interview with President Eisenhower Phil Hitchcock, defeated by Douglas McKay in the recent primary, was asked about his own future. He replied that as a Presbyterian he believed in "predestination." For non-Calvinists we offer this explanation of that doctrine, as given by an old lady who said she believed: "What's as, is as; and what's going to be is going to be, even if it never comes to pass." McKay is a Presbyterian, too, and he has confidence in the "predestination" that he'll defeat Wayne Morse, who as a Congregationalist presumably is "independent."

Recently the Eugene school board voted to name a grade school after a woman who had been a teacher and principal there for many years. It was an appropriate recognition of the service of a teacher. In Salem there is one name of a teacher which is well remembered, that of Margaret Cosper who taught here for many years. She was universally revered, and hundreds of her former pupils now scattered round the country, remember her with affection. The school board, which has given the name of Mrs. Faye Wright, long-time member of the board, to an elementary school, might well keep Miss Cosper's name in mind for application to a new school.

Homegrown strawberries are coming on the market, and spite of the hard winter the outlook is for a good crop, unless the weather plans mean tricks. High point of the season in this valley is the Lebanon strawberry festival, set for June 14, 15, 16. That is when they feed the multitude from a huge strawberry shortcake, which according to the Lebanon Express usually weighs more than 5000 pounds—cake, berries, ice cream and all. Red berries with thick cream help make life in this valley delectable.

Sen. John Hounsell of Hood River proposed to the interim committee on taxation a sales tax of two per cent on retail sales, with no exemption for food and medicine. Another proposal has been for a three per cent tax with such exemptions. If we are going to come to a sales tax (by no means certain) just as well have it apply across the board. It is a nuisance for store clerks to sort out the non-taxable items in sales, and the public soon gets numb to any tax.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



That government expert says we small farmers gotta go Lem! ... Says we dont produce surpluses efficiently enough! ...



Be sure to mark June 5 as a red letter... er... letter day on your calendar. Because for that afternoon Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announces he is calling a meeting in Washington, D. C., of five nationally known dog experts "to seek assistance in developing a program to reduce the hazard of dog bites for the post office dept.'s 125,000 letter carriers." Looking the problem squarely in the teeth, and standing with his back to the wall, Summerfield said that American canines, large and small, sank their fangs into nearly 6,000 meaty postmen last year. Three-fourths of these required medical treatment, and mail delivery was delayed...



The meeting ought to produce some doggone good ideas. Because one of the authorities is listed as a "dog psychologist." The list does not include, however, any dogs. Which may be a mistake. Because if the committee wants to smell out any facts on dogs, a long-nosed canine would be its best bet. One with blunt teeth, of course. We found such a dog leader here in town and went right out and put the bite on him for an interview.

He's a fine Irish setter and president of the local chapter of CUR (Canines United in Retaliation)—an anti-burglar dog group. He put down his dog biscuit and admitted that, frankly, this mailman thing had his organization up a tree.

"Not that we haven't been stumped before," he barked jovially. "What do you dogs have against postmen?" we asked. "They don't taste any better than magazine salesmen or policemen, do they?"

"Well," grinned the setter, "as the dachshunds would say, it's a long tale. Before any of us can join this anti-burglar organization we must subscribe to the Canine Code, and take the Hyper-sensitive Oath. This binds us to bare a fang at enemies (both animal and human) and to guard with our very lives front yard, back porch and basement windows. And it permits us to only gun your friends. But sometimes the boys are not told the difference between a friendly leg and a hostile foot. And that's where the trouble starts..."

"What's the solution?" we asked. "The average letter carrier has enough trouble with slippery steps, new lawns, rain and soggy bags without having you fellows gnawing away at his shins. And if this gets to Congress no telling what'll happen. You can't fight the post office."

"What is needed," said the setter, "is a better understanding between dog and man. A sort of lend-leash spirit of cooperation. A non-aggression pact might help. A padded uniform would help more. Research, even by experts, won't help much. Because we dogs know most of the postman's backgrounds pretty well already. Anyway, whatever the experts decide, we all hope it'll be something (as they say in Washington) with teeth in it..."

Sea Explorer Troop Takes River Cruise

Members of Sea Explorer Troop 12 conditioned their "sea legs" with a recent overnight cruise down the Willamette River to Champcoo, some 15 miles north of Salem.

Party making the trip on the 26-foot motor launch "Willamette" included Skipper Edward Gottfried, 2nd Mate Jack Rhodes and the following crew members: Tomm Curry, Larry Nichols, Michael Young, Jon Rhodes, Robert Farman, Jeff Wittman and Aaron Swennington.

Cruise down river was made Saturday and the party made the return trip Sunday.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "John and Robert's suggestions were followed with a dead silence." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "gunwale"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Allegiance, alienation, albatross, alimony. 4. What does the word "obliterate" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with es which means "to fascinate; to charm"?

ANSWERS

- 1. Say, "JOHN and Robert's suggestions were followed BY COMPLETE silence." 2. Pronounce gun-el, accent on first syllable. 3. Allegiance. 4. To remove or destroy utterly by any means. "The writings on the wall were obliterated by the flood." 5. Captivate.

Salem Man's Son Made Doctor of Divinity in Texas

Plainview, Tex. — Wayland College has conferred the doctor of divinity degree on Harlon L. Harris, former Oregon resident, at the annual commencement exercises.

Dr. Harris, son of Harlan Harris Sr., 2985 Fisher Road, Salem, Ore., is a graduate of Roseburg High School, Russell Harris, Reedsport, a brother, was among the commencement guests and shared in the week-end festivities on the Wayland College campus.

Dr. Harris is pastor of First Baptist Church, Plainview, which is attended by a majority of faculty, staff and students of Wayland College. Dr. Harris is now leading in a building program that will more than double the church's facilities. Recently, \$200,000 worth of property which adjoins the First Baptist property was purchased as part of the expansion program and plans are shaping up for an auditorium seating 1,500.

Seven Building Permits Issued

Seven building permits, including one for a new house, were issued Tuesday by the city engineers office.

The house permit was taken by Leonard Ryan for an \$11,800 one-story house and garage at 2950 Island View St. Other permits went to E. H. Allen, \$500 one-story garage, 2512 N. Commercial St.; W. L. Krause, \$458 house alteration, 2090 N. 19th St.; A. E. Hansen, \$350 house alteration, 1095 Howard St.; Dale Nelson, \$250 house and garage re-roofing, 870 Hickory St.; Emil Goertzen, \$100 patio alteration, 1215 Dorval Ave.; and Lloyd Payne, \$50 garage reshaping, 2390 Laurel Ave.

Blind Scribe Back in Office Writing Views

(Continued from page one)

NEW YORK (AP)—Victor Riesel, blinded by an acid thrower eight weeks ago, is back in his office writing his syndicated labor column. He says his news sources have increased since the assault, which he and authorities believe was motivated by his attacks on racketeers in some labor unions. After his first day back at the (Post Hall Syndicate) office Monday, Riesel said: "I have found a tremendous feeling of people wanting to help—not so much because I got hurt, but a lot of these guys just are sick and tired of being pushed around." Riesel said he has received at least 50,000 letters since an unidentified young man threw sulphuric acid in his face in the early morning dark on a mid-Manhattan street April 5.

Riesel, who left a hospital last Wednesday, said after his return to the office: "The thing that pleased me considerably was that I sat down at the typewriter and knocked out the column with just a few typographical errors."

Solon Asks Billion Dollar A-Aid Abroad

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.), chairman of the joint Congressional committee on atomic energy, Tuesday suggested a billion-dollar five-year atomic program among "the uncommitted peoples of the earth."

Addressing the 168th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Anderson said "to these friendly lands and to the uncommitted peoples of the earth I would send the evidences of our purpose to use the atom for peace, not just the nuclear fuel which the President has already promised, but the vessels in which it is to burn." He added: "Russia will build an atomic plant in East Germany, is pushing atomic development in Red China, has her eyes on Egypt and will undoubtedly expand her atomic penetration whenever and wherever the chance may come."

In those countries, under Anderson's suggested program, the U.S. should test the most promising types of reactors, "revise and rework them under actual operating conditions and thus have them ready for use at home when the cost of their electricity became competitive with the energy we now have in abundance." "Such a program," he said, "would cost us as a nation a billion dollars in five years, a large sum to be sure, but only a small part of what is now contemplated in military aid."

"I think it would pay far greater dividends both in security and satisfaction. Actually, the House of Representatives seems to feel that the cost of foreign aid might be cut a billion dollars this year, enough for the whole program of international atomic aid."

Twins Born to Area Couple

DALLAS, Ore. — Twins, a boy and girl, were born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Anderson, Salem Route 1, Box 660. The births occurred at Dallas Hospital. Attendants said infants and mothers were "doing fine." The baby boy arrived at 1:30 a.m. and his sister followed at 4:10 a.m. Weight of the brother twin was listed as 5 pounds, 2 ounces while his sister hit 6 pounds, 4 ounces.

The Andersons have one other daughter, Geraldine. Maternal grandfather is Elmer Anderson, Lyons, and paternal grandfather is Mr. and Mrs. Jess Christie, Brookings, Ore.

Heat Blamed for Butane Gas Line Leak at Keizer

KEIZER—The heat Tuesday afternoon was blamed for creating a potentially dangerous situation at a Keizer area home when a butane gas line sprung a leak.

An inside "pop-off" valve became overheated and opened, causing rooms in the house to be filled with gas. Keizer firemen were called to the scene, the J. O. Scott residence at 1225 Alder St., but reported no damage. The valve was repaired by gas repairmen.

Scientists Win Praise for Hiking Output of Hens

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Vursell (R-Ill.) paid tribute Tuesday to scientists who have gotten hens to lay more eggs.

The average hen now lays 184 eggs a year compared with 122 years ago, he said in a speech prepared for delivery in the House.

Grand Jury Indicts Two

Two Salem men were indicted Tuesday by the Marion County grand jury. John M. Lamb, 270 Boice St., was indicted on a charge of drawing bank checks with insufficient funds, and bail was set at \$1,000. The 34-year-old salesman is now serving a 180-day sentence in Portland Municipal jail on another check charge, sheriff's deputies said.

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West Europe Foreign Ministers Meeting This Week to Consider A-Research Pool

By J. M. ROBERTS AP News Analyst

World War II was hardly over when three of its small victims—Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg—decided their futures lay in international cooperation.

They formed an organization, known as Benelux, to establish a customs union between them, and urged other Western European nations to join.

The other nations formed organizations of their own designed to do part of what the three small powers hoped Benelux would do for them. None of the organizations has been entirely successful in one of the world's most conservative business areas. But none has entirely failed, and by gradual process Benelux actually seems to be approaching what seemed, 10 years ago, to be a hopelessly naive goal.

About the same time Benelux was getting started, two great French statesmen, Jean Monnet and Robert Schuman, Winston Churchill and the German, Adenauer, began to advocate even greater European unity.

The European community for coal and steel was formed, with coordinated supra-national controls and single market objectives. It has had its troubles, but it is now a going concern.

The international control body set up to handle coal and steel operates under safeguards against national flinching.

see if they can do much the same thing for atomic energy they have done for coal and steel.

They call the new project Euratom. Its to be a pool for research into the production of atomic power for peaceful purposes. It would co-operate but not interfere with national operations, nor with international organizations as proposed under the Eisenhower plan.

It is designed to permit the six countries to do in cooperation what they do not have the resources to do alone.

The project, however, has been tied in by its originators to the idea of European federation.

Following directly on the heels of Euratom organization, if the conferences prove successful, will be a movement to establish a European customs union and a

European single market. Both movements will be tied to supra-national authority through the common assembly set up for coal and steel. This body's members are appointed by individual governments, but work under a charter designed to force them to approach their decisions in a spirit of objective internationalism.

A few years ago the whole approach was considered fantastic. The obstacles, involving not only nationalism but also Europe's antiquated economic practices, are still gigantic.