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AI Sarena Inflation
Democratic candidates and campaigners are applying the bellows to old AI Sarena again, blowing it up as though it were a major issue in this election.

The Democratic charge is that Davis gave the land away and the timber on it. But there has been no accusation of evil motive on his part or on the part of Rep. Ellsworth who, in an effort to serve constituents, requested the department to wind up the case which had long been pending.

Now we would not defend errors in judgment, but where is the judge with years of experience on the bench who has not erred in a ruling or decision?

The facts as to mineralization of the claims are in dispute. One mining engineer representing the bureau of land management, took several samples which showed on assay no appreciable values. A team, one of whom was from the bureau of mines, the other a reputable mining engineer in this state, took other samples which on test in a mobile laboratory showed values which Davis felt made the patents issue as a matter of course under the law.

This writer some months ago discussed this matter with another mining engineer in Oregon, of recognized standing, not involved in any way with this case, who has visited the properties. He expressed himself strongly on this subject, believing that AI Sarena was entitled to the patents under the mining laws. This is, of course, a matter of opinion, but it is informed, professional opinion, and that is not what we are getting from Democratic spellbinders.

That there is mineral in the area is proven by actual mining operations carried on some years ago and by the fact that Secretary Chapman issued patents to one group of claims in the vicinity. The deposit is admittedly low grade, certainly marginal; but the mining law of 1872 was exceedingly loose in setting any standards for patent issuance.

We haven't visited the claims area and wouldn't be competent to determine its mineralization if we did. We have read reams of material and comments on the case, which are of course split right down the middle on the issue of the grant of patents. Our own conclusion is that just as the mineral values are marginal, so the grant on the basis of the whole record would have to be rated a hair-line decision. If Solicitor Davis's decision was wrong, and on the basis of the last assay report that was not the case, then his error was strictly one of judgment. The political blow-up, therefore, is exaggerated and vicious in imputing a sinister motive where none exists.

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By JOSEPH AND STEWART ALBOP
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Nixon on Truman
Challenged to pinpoint where Richard Nixon had branded him a "traitor" ex-President Harry Truman said Nixon made the remark in a speech at Texarkana. So we clip this from the "The AP Log," the weekly letter sent out by the Associated Press to its members:

WHAT DID NIXON SAY ABOUT TRUMAN IN 1952? This is a question that already has been raised and undoubtedly will come up again. Here is a statement of fact, which can be inserted in news stories if such explanatory matter is needed:

Associated Press stories on Oct. 27, 1952, quoted Nixon as saying in a speech at Texarkana that Truman, Dean Acheson and Adlai Stevenson "are traitors to the high principles in which many of the nation's Democrats believe." They went on to quote Nixon: "Real Democrats are outraged by the Truman-Acheson-Stevenson gang's toleration and defense of communism in high places."

This is quite different from saying that Truman and Acheson were "traitors" period. It certainly can't be regarded as "high level" campaigning, though.

Breath-taking
This will take your breath away. The Capital Co., a subsidiary of Transamerica corporation, has bought the 8,000-acre Diamond Bar ranch in partnership with Christiana Oil Corp. and will build there a new city of 100,000 population. The tract is 26 miles from downtown Los Angeles, lying between Pomona and the Orange county line.

The development plans call for 30,000 homes with a shopping center, schools, parks, churches. The planners evidently figure that people will continue to sing, "California, Here I Come." Some folk down that way, however, wish the immigration would taper off.

With American steel mills consuming ever-increasing quantities of iron ore, and with deposits such as on the Mesabi range in Minnesota steadily decreasing, mills have had to turn to foreign sources (Canada, Brazil) and to domestic ores of lower iron content. One such source is the taconite rock in the area around the Mesabi. Thursday, Reserve Mining Company, jointly owned by Arco Steel and Republic Steel, dedicated taconite processing facilities which will reduce the taconite rock into pellets with a high iron content fit for use in furnaces for steel production. This will serve to lengthen out the term for Minnesota's iron production and help to meet the nation's hunger for steel and more steel.

It wasn't just the lodge that made Neahkahnie famous. It was primarily the Reeds, Mr. and Mrs. Sam G. Reed who built the place in 1912 and operated it for many years. Reed was a strong personality whose great achievement was to induce the State Highway Commission to build Highway 101 around the face of Neahkahnie Mountain where it offers one of the most commanding marine views to be found anywhere. The old lodge unused now for several years, succumbed to flames Tuesday, but it—and the Reeds—will live long in memory of those who visited it when it was in operation.

Traffic on Suez canal heads for a slowdown as 16 foreign pilots who were employed by the Suez Canal company left their jobs. Forty-six pilots remain, mostly Egyptian, and Nasser says the ships will be handled all right. As more shipping is diverted from the canal, they may succeed. The climax of the controversy will come if ships are seriously delayed in making the passage.

Adlai Stevenson evidently has quit this "do-it-yourself" stuff on speech writing and taken on some wordsmith from the get-tough school. When he accuses Eisenhower of not being "master in his own house," he is straying from the truth. Ike is still the boss, as everyone around him well knows.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



A poll of 283 sports writers show 56% think you'll win, 38% think you'll lose and 6% don't know... Now get in there and FIGHT, men!



Lots of interesting news on the AP wires this week. Frinstance, there was this gem from Harrisburg, Pa.: "There were about 75 fellows seated around six prominently placed tables at the Democrats' fund-raising dinner to-night, and they all answered to the name of Joe Smith."

Just one Joe Smith said was a registered Republican. But he said: I'd AD 1/2 C. KT 1/2 K 7/2 B 1/2 UUD 7/2 R & N D Skyrays in formation turned on their afterburners in close succession to simulate a six-gun salute to Navy wives. ... We didn't hear THAT on TV. Did you? ...

And from Los Angeles comes the story of Actress Barbara Brier who got a divorce because, she said, her husband threw a highball in her face and told her that "as an actress she would make a good carpenter." We can hardly wait to hear what the carpenters have to say about that! ...

Well, the city's 125 mail boxes are all freshly painted a patriotic red, white and blue. One of the painters of the E. T. Armstrong contracting firm was painting one of the boxes in South Salem the other day when a woman brushed up close to it. "Why don't you let people know this is fresh paint," she said angrily. The painter, with dripping spray gun in hand, pointed mutely to a paint-spattered sign on the box which read, naturally, "Wet Paint! ..."

Big mystery dept. ... Whose hand was that sticking through the hay in the manger on the Wild Bill Hickok TV program the other night? Lady caller says the mystery was never cleared up and she's still wondering. Could it be one of those guys who writes singing commercials? And another caller wanted to know why the flag was flying upside down on the Armory for a time earlier this week. Don't know the answer to that one either; unless it was for the guy who owned the hand sticking out of the hay on Wild Bill's program ...

Then there was the little girl who came skipping happily home from her first or second day at school this week. "I got a star, I got a star!" she cried excitedly. "Fine," her mother beamed. "What did you get the star for?" ... "How should I know?" said the little girl. "I can't read yet." ...

Safety Valve

(Editor's Note: Letters for the Statesman's Safety Valve column are given prior consideration if they are informative and are not more than 300 words in length. Personal attacks and ridicule, as well as libel, are to be avoided, but anyone is entitled to air beliefs and opinions on any side of any question.)

Sensible Planning?
To the Editor:
Why such a big ToDo over the model home now showing in all the cities of our valley? No woman would plan such an arrangement—namely—to enter the frontdoor, no hall, no protection overhead for our rainy season, and then to traverse the width of the living room end with armloads of shopping, wet boots, etc. in order to get to the kitchen, or if by the rear ground level, through an elaborate patio of outdoor living room to get to the kitchen; and another horrible error, to pass entirely through the family room to get to the bath room. I claim this plan stinks.

As my good wife always remodels these fantastic professional masterpieces she wonders aloud what kind of architectural teaching is this anyway?
Everyone knows, including these so-called professionals, that no family anywhere could be trained to go to the basement to enter. Sometimes yes, but mostly no.

Is this graduate work, or what?
Yours for sensible planning,
Tom Ellis,
Lancaster Drive,
Salem, Ore.

Questions on Civil Defense
To the Editor:
Civil Defense week brings to mind several questions. In event of nuclear war can civilians really be defended thru CD efforts? The various practice raids and evacuations seem a little unrealistic as criteria of what would happen in actual warfare. Why not have an unannounced practice, in which half of the CD officials and workers are "killed" too, in which all normal activities are halted for several days, water shut off, sanitary and health facilities stopped, food distribution curtailed, transportation and communication blocked, etc.?

This would all be very inconvenient, of course, but if CD is necessary why not make it realistic?

Some people think that Civil Defense efforts are futile because a nuclear war seems to be a suicidal proposition. If so is CD only an illusion of defense or a kind of conditioning to acceptance of a third, and possibly, final war?
Robert H. Miller,
Shirley Miller,
1055 N. 18th.

He's Confused
To the Editor:
Aeneas the Statesman for Sept. 12: constant reader respectfully requests some neutral third party's views on the U.S.'s participation in the Suez affair. Chief of the AP Paris Bureau writes, on p. 4: "All blame America for putting the heat on Britain to avoid military force. Frenchmen insist America is 'playing Nasser's game.'" On p. 3, Willamette's Dr. Parker states that "extraordinary bungling on the part of our foreign secretary (Sec. Dulles)" has helped deteriorate the situation to the point where hotter heads (sic) could have plunged the world into a war without ever knowing why.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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equalization of assessments. It found that assessors followed the practice of assessing personal property (merchandise, equipment) at a higher percentage than real property. Perforce it had to direct that the basis be made uniform. Most assessors however instead of raising the ratio on real property to make it equal with the personal property ratio, reduced the latter to bring it down to the real property level. Thus, instead of bringing the county average up toward the average for utilities, in many instances it was lowered. This has forced the commission further to scale down the assessed valuation of utilities.

Progress is being made in equalization of property assessments. Work is going forward on that line in Marion County as well as others, and in several counties the task has been completed. In this county the uniform ratio now being applied is 25 per cent. The ratio is of no consequence if the valuations are equitable, except that where the county ratio is low the tax commission must scale down its ratio of utility assessments.

Complicated? Perhaps, for the average taxpayer who merely checks to see whether his taxes are higher than last year, or rather how much higher they are. To those who follow the working of our property tax systems however these moves are seen as necessary adjustments in the direction of equity among all taxpayers.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Residents on the heights overlooking West Salem were on the warpath for lack of water. They were without water for the fifth day. One family went to Vancouver, Wash., with relatives so they could wash and can their fruit.

25 Years Ago

Jerry Owen, state bonus commissioner, left with the Salem drum corps for Detroit to attend the national legion convention. Jerry carries with him Governor Meier's official invitation to the convention to meet in Portland next year.

40 Years Ago

Miss Winifred Byrd, left for New York City to resume her musical activities. She is preparing for a debut concert at "The Castle," a girl's school at Tarry town on the Hudson.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "None of us were there but he and I."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "beige"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Asphyxiation, avorodopsis, au revoir, amortize.
4. What does the word "sobriety" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with fa that means "ludicrous; unreal"?

Adoption of Six Brings Dividend

WAPAKONETA, Ohio, Sept. 14 (AP)—A starry-eyed mother of seven children left the hospital at nearby Mary's Thursday with her first baby.
Two and one-half years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Martin of nearby Minister were childless. But on March 20, 1954, they adopted six children at one time. The ages of the youngsters—Brenda, Bernard, Elizabeth, David, John and Dianna—now range from 5 to 12.
A week ago yesterday, Mrs. Martin gave birth to Nathan Benjamin.

West Washington Fair Opening Set

PUYALLUP, Sept. 14 (AP)—Last minute preparations are underway for the opening of the 53rd annual Western Washington fair here tomorrow morning.
The big show begins at 7 a. m. and runs for nine days ending Sunday, Sept. 23.

Man Dies After Highway Crash

NEWPORT, Ore., Sept. 14 (AP)—A Great Falls, Mont., man died today after an automobile accident on the Oregon Coast Highway near here.
He was Simon Solberg, 77, State police said his car skidded into a ditch.

Arab-Israel Violence Said Most Serious

By MAX HARRELSON

AP United Nations Correspondent

The new outbreak of violence between Israel and Jordan is by far the most serious in recent months.

The cease-fire which Israel and her Arab neighbors agreed upon last April appears headed toward a complete breakdown unless the present downward skid is halted quickly.
The situation is all the more grave, coming as it does in the midst of the Suez crisis which already threatens Middle East peace. While the two conflicts have developed independently, they are not entirely unrelated.

For more than five years, Egyptian interference with Israeli shipping through the canal has been the center of a bitter controversy. The same upsurge of Arab nationalism that is at the bottom of the Suez problem is also at least partly responsible for the continued clashes between Israel and the Arabs.

British Prime Minister Eden linked the two problems Thursday night before the House of Commons. He predicted that Egypt's President Nasser will attack Israel next if he "is allowed to succeed" at Suez. Eden also hinted that Britain would go to Israel's aid with arms if necessary.

Despite the April cease-fire—obtained by U. N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold on a personal mission to the Middle East—the incidents never really stopped for more than a few days at a time.
Since July they have been on the rise. Israel has more than once warned that it would resume its policy of retaliation unless the U. N. stopped Arab raids and infiltration. The U. N. true returned findings that both sides had violated the cease-fire.

What is happening now is what some of the Western Powers feared would happen unless Hammarskjold followed up the cease-fire with a vigorous attempt for a more permanent settlement. He fell, however, that he had gone as far as he could at the time in view of Arab opposition to any sort of peace negotiations with Israel.

The secretary general, backed by the Security Council, decided that the initiative for further steps must come from the Middle East governments themselves. He felt that these governments might be more inclined toward a settlement if only the tension could be eased for a while.

Hammarskjold said the main hope was that the cease-fire might start a chain reaction toward peace. But it seems clear by now that the lull was only temporary and that the chain reaction is moving in the other direction.
The secretary general is trying to put out the fire, but it is going to be more difficult than before to get the disputing parties to place much store in another stopgap agreement which they feel will be violated on the slightest pretext.

Fatal Shooting In Pendleton Brings Charge

PENDELTON, Sept. 14 (AP)—A Pendleton man was arraigned on a charge of second degree murder this afternoon in the fatal shooting of William Mancañares Jr., 27, Tacoma.

Hollis Carl Doe, 30, appeared before Justice of the Peace Ann Crago, who granted a request by Doe for more time to consult an attorney. Doe was to appear again tomorrow to enter a plea.
Doe was jailed yesterday after an early morning dispute in which he said four men in a car taunted him about being a Negro, dist. Atty. John Walker said Doe surrendered and readily admitted the shooting.

Walker quoted Doe as saying he fired the shot after the four men taunted him. Mancañares was in the back seat.

Recipe Given to Wrong Audience

ST. CATERINES, Ont., Sept. 14 (AP)—"Let the peaches stand in your favorite wine until thoroughly penetrated," says the Ontario Peach Growers' Marketing Board recipe booklet. "Experiment with different wines."
The booklet usually is popular but its distribution at a meeting here last week may have set back peach consumption more than a little, the board acknowledged ruefully.
The meeting was the annual conference of the Ontario Women's Temperance League.

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Lumbermen Concerned Over Construction Dip

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A slow-down in the start of new house construction—building permits for them in the West dropped 14 per cent in August from the same month last year—is causing some concern in the lumber industry. But as yet there have been only a few cutbacks in jobs because of it.

W. E. Griffice, assistant secretary-manager of the Western Pine Assn., told his group's semi-annual meeting in Portland Friday that there could be no doubting the slackening of new housing starts. Yet, he said, a good first half year still assures lumbermen that 1956 will be the second best year in the industry's history.

Mills Close
In Oregon's Willamette Valley, heart of the Douglas fir country, there are reports of a few small mills shutting down. These are though, are only the "extremely marginal green mills," says H. J. Cox, editor of a weekly market report at Eugene. He sees more mills in trouble, though, should there be a further price drop.
The state unemployment office at Grants Pass reports some layoffs as mills cut back on production. And near Eugene a number of mills which had been working overtime, put their men on a straight 40-hour week to bring production back into line with demand.

Businessmen Urged to Join Politics Fight

By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (AP)—The National Assn. of Manufacturers is urging businessmen to jump into politics right away to counter what NAM said is a labor drive to dominate the federal and state governments.

A NAM pamphlet distributed to its businessmen members said organized labor has fashioned "a political missile of massive proportions" to explode during the current campaign. NAM said this will make prior labor political drives look "strictly bush league."

The pamphlet said business can help turn organized labor's political "missile" into a "dud" by encouraging management people to get into politics, by discussing broad political issues in company publications, by permitting candidates to tour plants, and by urging workers to vote.

It pointed out that while corporations cannot make political contributions, "individuals have greater freedom and should exercise it, both in regard to contributions and activity in behalf of candidates who will be free agents."

NAM took the position that candidates supported by organized labor—and it mentioned the AFL-CIO as spearheading labor's political drive—would not be free agents.
Dr. Raymond M. Reichle, retiring president of the Oregon chapter of the American Academy of General Practice, addressed the chapter's annual meeting which closes tomorrow. He said surgery for varicose veins is one of the operations a family doctor is called upon most frequently to perform. Dr. Reichle said treatment for this ailment has varied over the years, but the accepted practice now is to remove the bulging vein entirely, relying on the development of circulation through other veins.

Leap Off Trestle Fatal to Woman

REDMOND, Sept. 14 (AP)—The body of Mrs. John Bruns, about 55, was found at the bottom of the Crooked River Canyon Thursday, 340 feet below a railroad trestle.

Police said she apparently jumped from the trestle. They said she left a note saying she had been unable to pull herself together since her sister, Ella Kilkeny committed suicide by jumping from a Portland bridge, July 22.

The widower and a daughter, Mrs. Wayne Korish, both of Camp Sherman, survive.

HERE ARE THE WINNERS OF THE TWO MAJOR CONTESTS HELD LAST WEEK DURING STATE FAIR DAYS
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