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Parity System Criticized

Grangemaster Herschel D. Newsom in his address to the annual convention of the national grange at Rochester, criticized the parity system which has been employed in measuring the economic standard for farm relief.

The parity idea was first embodied in national legislation in 1933. It picked the pre-World War I years of 1909-14 as a base period, and directed that farm prices on selected crops should be sufficient to provide the grower with purchasing power equivalent to that of the base period.

Master Newsom stated that the parity measuring rod tends to freeze farmers in whatever degree of inequity may have existed in the base period, which is of course true.

The parity system is unreliable in another respect: it takes no account of improvements in farm technology. These have been remarkable in the past 50 years: power machinery, use of farm chemicals to reduce loss from pests and increase yields through fertilizers, improved seed and livestock strains.

In short, Grangemaster Newsom is right: the parity plan is too rigid, both ways. Attention should be directed toward providing a substitute, but efforts are better directed to making farming decently profitable without government traps and bounties.

Nutting Resigns From Commons

During the recent political campaign, defenders of Senator Morse's switch of parties without resigning the seat to which he was elected cited cases—Winston Churchill for one—where a person had "crossed the aisle," as Churchill described it, without returning his mandate to the people.

"I have decided to resign my seat and to make way for a Conservative candidate who would be able to do what I cannot do without reservation of the policies of the present government."

"Conscience" doesn't always operate in the same direction.

The Oregon Journal takes note that drug stores are resuming exhibition of tall vials filled with colored fluid as symbols of the work of the apothecary. Well, since the modern drug store handles everything else why shouldn't it dispense drugs and medicines, too?

Far West to Play Increasing Important Role in Next Term's Senate Leadership

By A. ROBERT SMITH, Statesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20—The Far West promises to play an increasingly important role in the leadership of the U. S. Senate during the upcoming 80th Congress.

Four of the important committees are expected to be headed by western senators and it seems generally agreed that Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) will be the new Democratic whip, replacing the defeated Sen. Earle Clements of Kentucky.

If Democrats organize the Senate, as now appears likely, the far westerners heading committees will be:

Appropriations—Sen. Carl Hayden (D-Ariz.).

Interior—Sen. James E. Murray (D-Mont.).

Interracial and Foreign Commerce—Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.).

Public Works—Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-N.Mex.).

If Republicans should get control of the Senate, the only westerner to become a committee chairman would be Sen. George Malone (R-Nev.), who would head the Interior Committee, now led by Sen. Eugene D. Milliken (R-Col.) who retired.

Other committees that now have vacancies due to the election turnover are foreign relations.

'All the People'

Monday night Terry Schunk, mayor-elect of Portland "dropped by" the meeting of the Portland Central Labor Council, for the purpose, as he said:

"I can't forget where my friends are. I want to come by and say 'thank you' for all your help." But he told the council that labor should expect no special favors from him. As he put it:

"I propose to be mayor for all the people of Portland." Which is what he should be.

Schunk was active in organized labor while serving in the city fire department, being president of the firemen's union, so his association with labor unions is not new.

More Salmon and Steelhead

The fish count at Oregon City fishway on the Willamette and the fish take at the outlet of Lake Oswego show a marked increase in the fall run of salmon and steelhead. The salmon count at the fishway was reported as the highest on record. They are mostly silvers, but a good many chinook were also checked.

The increase reflects the improved conditions in the river system and better success with fish propagation. Stream pollution which almost blocked the runs in the low water period has been greatly reduced. Release of stored water at reservoirs has increased stream flow. Hatcheries like the one at Marion Forks appear to have more than offset loss from the stream blocks of the high Detroit Dam and the high Lookout Point Dam in Lane County.

It is evident we can have high dams and fish, too, if sufficient money and effort are expended to conserve fish life.

Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce has resigned as U. S. ambassador to Italy, receiving the plaudits of President Eisenhower for her work in this important diplomatic post. There were many misgivings when she was appointed in 1953. Italy, it was said, looked askance at a woman in an ambassadorial position. Mrs. Luce did have some bumps along the way, but she overcame them. She became a favorite of the Italian people and proved herself a very competent representative of the United States government in Rome.

Portland's city police are in the bit for having enforced parking meter ordinance on Veterans' Day, but they now promise not to do it again. Which puts Salem one up on our metropolitan neighbor. Our police didn't do it last time.

Editorial Comment

RUSSIA USING VANISHING CREAM? Although few details are at hand, Russia's jolting request for a huge open sky corridor along both sides of the east-west frontier appears to be that face-saving move we talked about Saturday.

Had Russia chosen the first method to mask her Hungary-scarred jaws, she would have bombed the Anglo-French out of Egypt and stood ready to make a massive assault on the United States in case of counteraction. Instead, Russia appears to be smearing Open-Sky brand vanishing cream over those scars. Her motives, as usual, are suspect.

IT SEEMS TO ME

dominance of a single political party. George Washington deplored parties—factions he called them. Yet a deep split arose within his own cabinet between Jefferson and Hamilton, a division which under varied names has been persistent. After Jefferson's election as president in 1800 the Federalist Party faded into oblivion. The Jeffersonians as "Republicans" and their successors, the Democrats, with Jackson as party leader prevailed most of the time to the Civil War.

There may be a little change in the committee posts held by Oregon and Washington senators, because they all have first class assignments now. Some will move up in rank on those committees.

Sen. Magnuson has not only his chairmanship of Interstate and Foreign Commerce, but he is on the Appropriations Committee which determines funds for all western projects. He ranks 8th among the Democrats on that committee.

Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) will move up to 6th ranking Democrat on Foreign Relations and 8th on Banking and Currency. He has said he plans also to keep his seat on the District of Columbia Committee.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.) is now 6th ranking Democrat on the Interior and the Post Office committees, and 5th ranking on Public Works.

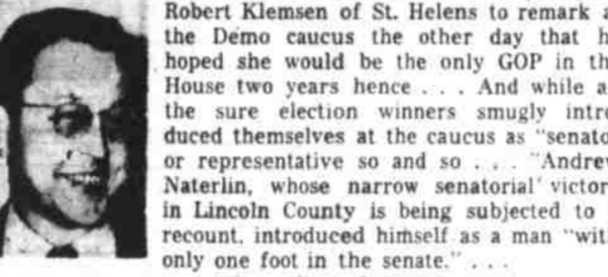
GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Our problem is 'fall-out,' men! . . . Now that we've made a bomb capable of destroying civilization, we're asked to make one that doesn't have such dangerous after effects! . . ."



One of the more interesting situations should arise as Rep. Grace Oliver Peck of Multnomah County takes her seat convenes next January. She's a Demo and look at those initials! . . . Which prompted Robert Klemsen of St. Helens to remark at the Demo caucus the other day that he hoped she would be the only GOP in the House two years hence . . .



And Gov.-elect Robert Holmes, a radioman who went from VHF to UHF on Nov. 6, lost a lot of wattage with members of the Oregon Broadcasters Association. The Broadcasters held up their convention banquet nearly an hour Friday night waiting for main-speaker Holmes to show. Finally they get a telegram from him saying he can't make it. So, Atty. Gen. Bob Thornton, seated at the main table, didn't even get through with his salad before he was tapped to get up and expound off-the-cuff, which he did . . .

Speaking of radio, local dial twisters who keep their ears glued to KGAY will no longer hear the booming voice of Herb Johnston—unless they get KVOS-TV from Bellingham, Wash., on their sets. Johnston, who has worked on Portland and Salem (and many other) radio stations since 1937, started with KVOS-TV Monday. He'll handle TV news spots and other work around the station. The Bellingham station is located in the Puget Sound area, but its largest viewing audience is over the border in Victoria and Vancouver, B. C. . . .

A rumor going the military circles has it that Maj. Gen. H. G. Maison, superintendent of the state police and former commanding general of the 41st Division (Oregon-Washington Natl. Guard) is a likely candidate to be named commanding general of the 104th Division (Oregon-Washington Army Reserve) on retirement next February of Maj. Gen. Lamer Tooze . . .

Bunch of guys were standing in line the other morning at the Post Office to sign up for temporary Christmas jobs as clerks and carriers. Right next door in the PO building is the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue office. So, one of the bureau boys invites the line-stander to come in and file their "declaration of estimated income" forms. To which one of the liners gave the obvious answer: "If we had one of those to file, we wouldn't be standing here." . . .

Better English By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "It is absolutely correct that we saw two twins." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "bequest"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled?—Pessimism, petty, liquidity, pertinacious. 4. What does the word "diminutive" (adjective) mean? 5. What is a word beginning with "t" that means "violently agitated"?

ANSWERS 1. Omit "absolutely" and "two." 2. Accent second syllable, not the first. 3. Petty. 4. Below the average size; very small. "He was a man of diminutive stature." 5. Turbulent.

In other words while we have usually had two political parties in our country, there have been long periods when the minority party wasn't much of a factor. When real issues emerged: slavery extension in 1860, the gold standard in 1896, an economic depression in 1932 then party philosophies came really into collision. That will happen again. I doubt if the possible issues Sen. Mundt mentioned—free enterprise vs. socialism, federal vs. states rights—will spark real partisan antagonisms. They are rather threadbare already. Our foreign policy holds a potential of divi-

Safety Valve Critique From Union Man

To the Editor: In the weeks just past by since the national election, your paper, along with many others in the state, whose editors shared your viewpoint, have been offering editorials from day to day—editorials which are trying to shed some light on the reasons contained in the sound defeat suffered by the Republican party in the race for the U.S. Senate and the governorship.

Several of the more radical supporters of the "Eisenhower-for-Doug-for-Senator from Oregon" Club, have, in their respective papers, taken it upon themselves to give the members of organized labor the largest share of the credit for the defeat of McKay and Governor Elmo Smith. This credit to organized labor would be more than welcome to the members of all the different crafts comprising the general classification under the word "Union" IF IT HAD BEEN GIVEN IN SUCH A MANNER THAT WOULD NOT HAVE MADE US OUT A BUNCH OF HIGH PRESSURE PEOPLE, whose only selfish aims were at stake during the election campaign.

As a long-time member of organized labor I must refute the impression that has been fostered by the editorials of the Oregon press in general and the Salem papers in particular—an impression that leads the people of the state of Oregon to conclude that if it hadn't been for the "big money" and effort of the leaders of our unions on a national level—then Douglas McKay and Governor Smith would have been winners last Nov. 6.

The facts are so simple as to be evident for all to see and understand that it is heartbreaking to find people going around every day cursing all members of all unions and blaming us for the condition of the country today in regards to inflation brought on by the incessant demands of organized labor to get more and more money in wages and fringe benefits, regardless of whether or not the economy can stand the load.

Actually the members in the organized crafts all over the state of Oregon voted 6-4 for McKay over Morse and 6-4 for Holmes over Smith. The amount of money expended by the leaders of the different crafts on a state and national level did nothing except to contribute to the prosperity of the people who own the radio, TV stations and the newspapers and magazines where most of the money was spent for advertising and publicity.

The balance of victory votes received by both Senator Morse and the governor-elect, Robert Holmes, were cast by "little people who work for a living and not under any organized union's control, either by thought or pressure." These people have recently moved into Oregon—some looking for the promised land as did their ancestors many years ago—and have brought about a slight change in the over-all registration between the Republicans and the Democrats. In the three years that I have resided in Oregon as a member of organized labor I can report to you that the organized crafts have not gained control of any of these new residents. Therefore these new members of our communities must be doing some thinking for themselves. To leave the Oregon reading public with the impression through biased editorials, that organized labor went all out to gain control of these new people's votes is a dis-service to the advancement of the good and welfare of the people of Oregon.

What do we, the nearly 500,000 members of the organized unions in the state of Oregon, have to do, before we can get you editors to realize that we all are not high pressure, big money, goon-type, etc., etc., people. That the development of the state of Oregon has and will depend upon the "skills and knowledge of these men and women and that organized labor from the top echelon to the last man in the rank and file are investing their lives in the future of Oregon, most of them on a life-time basis.

Faced with the threatening times just ahead on both the state and national fronts, organized labor is going to play its rightful part in the formulating of the policies that must be forthcoming if this country is to emerge as the "leading" nation in the world.

In the next two years I hope that the editors of the leading daily papers in the city of Salem and the rest of Oregon will meet organized labor half-way in trying to seek a solution to our common problems.

I realize that this letter is much longer than those usually accepted by editors for publication but I ask your co-operation on this one because I have faithfully pursued the many miles of reading matter contained in the editorials of the Oregon newspapers since the first of the year, editorials which didn't always stick to the primary purpose of the useful daily newspaper, which is to publish all the news, all the time, that's fit to print.

Theodore Thayer, 1355 State St.

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Alienation of Affection Suit Verdict Altered

The Oregon Supreme Court threw out of court Tuesday a \$10,000 verdict that a Portland woman was awarded against her mother-in-law for alleged alienation of affections.

The woman, Agnes Ann Anderson, had charged that she lost her husband's affections because of actions by his mother. The couple later was divorced. The high court, in its decision by Justice William C. Perry, said that when a parent is being sued for alienation of affections, it must be proved that the parent acted willfully or maliciously. Such was not proved, the court said.

The court also said there was no proof that the mother-in-law, Ovedia Sturm, actually caused the loss of affections of her son for Mrs. Anderson.

The decision reversed Circuit Judge James R. Bain of Portland.

Average Employer Tax Rate Jumps

Reduced tax rates on 1957 payrolls will go to a few more firms than during the current year but the average rate for all employers will be somewhat higher, preliminary computations just completed by the State Unemployment Compensation Commission revealed.

The number of concerns included in the experience rating system is rising from 14,621 to 15,072 but reductions already computed go to only 12,272.

Escape Indictment On Convict Dropped

An indictment charging escape was dismissed Tuesday against Joe Charles Blansfield, now an inmate of the State Penitentiary.

Circuit Judge George R. Duncan dismissed the indictment against Blansfield on grounds he was in custody at the State Hospital at the time of the indictment. Blansfield fled the hospital but was apprehended later in Montana and returned to Oregon.

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Union Thanksgiving Day Services Head Church Observances

(Story also on Page 1.) The annual Union Thanksgiving Day services sponsored by the Salem Ministerial Association heads the list of Salem church observances of the national holiday Thursday morning.

Dr. Lloyd T. Anderson of the First Baptist Church will speak on "A Psalm of Thanksgiving" at the 10 o'clock service.

Other announced Thanksgiving church observances will include the hour-long Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 10 o'clock.

Thanksgiving Day Matins will be held at Christ Lutheran Church at 10 o'clock and the service will include a special offering for Lutheran World Relief.

St. Marks Lutheran Church will conduct traditional services at 9 o'clock with special Thanksgiving music presented by the choir. Services at St. John's Lutheran Church will be held at 10:30. The Rev. Henry Hartwig will preach.

Pastor Lowell Holle will speak at the festival services of Grace Lutheran Church at 10 o'clock.

McDonald Rites Set Funeral services for Mrs. Beatrice McDonald, 242 Lee St., who died Sunday, will be 9:30 a.m. Friday in St. Joseph's Catholic church. Burial will be in St. Barbara's Cemetery. Clough-Barrick Funeral Home is in charge.

Human Rights Day Designated Dec. 10 Gov. Elmo Smith Tuesday designated Dec. 10 as Human Rights Day in Oregon in observance of the 8th anniversary of adoption of the universal declaration of human rights by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

The Governor said he had been informed that materials to assist groups in conducting programs are available without charge from the UNESCO Commission, Department of State, Washington, D. C.

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