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SHERIFF CROWE ON ELECTION LAWS

Those who have been following the comments on "laxness at Oakridge" (in the setup for the last election) will be interested in the informative and constructive suggestions of Sheriff O. E. Crowe which we print as today's "Reader Editorial." All the discussion comes to this:

"It is easy to make laws but it is not always common sense to obey those laws literally."

That is why the courts in passing on election laws and all other laws have put much emphasis on the DOCTRINE OF INTENT. What were we (through the legislature) trying to accomplish when we enacted certain provisions about polling places, voting booths, watchers and checkers?

We were trying to guard against certain known abuses of the past. We wanted:

- 1. Complete privacy for the voter when he marks his ballot.
2. Watchers to see that the voter gets that privacy which is promised.
3. To keep away from the polls those meddlers and hangers on who used to try to tell the voter how to vote.

Some of those who have lived in big cities in the days of "gang rule" can curl your hair with the tales of election abuses. Cincinnatians remember the days when river boats brought hundreds of negroes up from Louisville on the night before election and lodged them in Councilman Mike Mullen's "Silver Moon" and other "flop joints" prior to "voting often and right."

Cleveland's notorious old Ward Eleven had a picturesque boss whose boast that he could throw Ward Eleven's big vote straight at any candidate he chose. One night Precinct Q reported "Davis, 786; Cole, 2" and old Starlight burst forth:

"I know just who those two wuthless characters is, too."

But we have still a relatively "primitive" community (thank God) and as Sheriff Crowe points out when you come to make an election setup in a home (or church or school) you may have to overlook some of the rigid provisions of law. Therefore the test in every case is whether INTENT is fulfilled in substance. Did the voter have reasonable privacy? Was he actually free from tampering? If the "booth" was an old orange crate set on a shelf instead of a nice cabinet, it doesn't really matter.

Nevertheless, our Sheriff sees some need for change in the law and one point which he makes is particularly good:

"Why pile up the expense of making the sheriff and his deputies tote election supplies all over this vast county when Uncle Sam's parcel post or the express company could do the job at much less cost?"

Our governor-elect Earl Snell is quoted as suggesting that the legislature limit itself to "war legislation" (and we don't agree with Mr. Snell's do-nothing attitude!). We hope some Lane county legislator will take up Sheriff Crowe's suggestion and correct our election laws to save the waste of time and effort and gas and oil and tires now consumed in totting supplies to each precinct.

If the legislature isn't going to take care of any of the necessary chores, we'll go the governor elect one better and suggest that it simply don't meet.

We can understand Leon Henderson's feeling when he says he doesn't "have to be nice to people any more," but a lot of folks are trying to remember just when Leon ever was pleasant.

In an effort to prove that it has a heart, the War Labor Board has authorized pay raises for Santy Clauses, but judging by the raises the WLB is dishing out to the unions, McGurk figures WLB might be Santy Clause himself.

Viewing the dire penalties for any business man who tries to give his janitor a 2 buck raise without government permission, we find new meaning in "to him that hath shall be given and from him that hath not shall be taken even that which he hath."

READER EDITORIAL

OREGON'S QUAINT ELECTION LAWS

EUGENE—(To the Editor)—Your editorial, re the Oakridge election, prompts me to offer a few comments.

Perhaps I should say that this editorial gave me the first knowledge of any particular grumble in the county as to the recent polling of votes. I had thought that my office had done a fair job under all circumstances, and I still think so. However if we can, through constructive criticism, point the way for better conditions and better and larger attendance at our elections, that will be very fine.

The Sheriff's office is given a responsible part in carrying out certain election requirements, and it is in this regard that I shall confine my remarks.

First, 81-1701 Oregon Election Laws, among other things, requires the sheriff to take possession of the places designated by the County Court as polling places, not less than one day prior to election.

Perhaps this is a bit technical, but many of the selected polling places are in homes. Hence we have been very lenient and "allowed" the folks to use their own house until voting time. Fact is we are and the elections should be very accurate

of those who will open their homes for a polling place.

This same section also commands that the sheriff shall cause the polling place to be suitably provided with compartments, shelves or tables, at which the electors are to prepare their ballots for voting . . . and so that in the preparation thereof each elector may be screened from the observation of other persons. (period) Again quoting, the compartments, shelves or tables, nor the electors while preparing their ballots shall be hidden from the view of the judges; (who are persons) and yet the same shall be far enough removed and so arranged that the elector may conveniently prepare his ballot for voting in absolute secrecy.

Again this is a bit inconsistent, and it would be some task indeed to arrange many of the homes and other voting places where naturally the owner would object to a general overhaul or to nails being driven into his walls, and where the space is too crowded to meet these requirements. Yes, perhaps those who choose would have some lawful grounds to complain.

81-1612, I quote, "In all incorporate cities and towns in this state, no person shall approach or stand within 50 feet of the polls when open for the purpose of receiving votes . . . except certain officers . . . actually desiring and proceeding to vote and but ten electors shall be permitted to approach the polls within 50 feet at the same time."

No doubt this law was made with the best of intent, yet I challenge the possibility from any practical standpoint of carrying it out. Anyone knows the impossibility to find polling places in the 118 districts of Lane County where you could comply with these requirements. You are right, we do the best we can.

81-1619 gives all the details of how the sheriff is to deliver the ballot boxes and supplies to the several district judges and clerks. Everyone I think is familiar with this delivery by auto, truck or buckboard by the sheriff or his deputies. Miles and miles of travel.

There is nothing impossible in this, but it would seem that thousands of dollars in Oregon should be saved if these supplies could be sent by U.S. Mail to these same boards.

It might be good politics for the sheriff to do all this delivering even though it is quite some job and costly, but it certainly would be quite safe and sane to have the county clerk mail these supplies directly without all this rustling of boxes each election, and at a fraction of the cost to the taxpayers. The return of the ballots also to be via Uncle Sam's mail.

Of course this would require some simple details to work out, but it would make a nice saving and merit the attention of the legislature.

There are just a few things that come readily to mind that affect my office, and shows how easily an elector can find fault if he is so minded. The point is however that certain modifications in our election laws deserve attention.

In closing may I say that the judges of election are by law given the status of justices of the peace to enforce proper discipline and the election laws and may deputize anyone to function as a constable in case trouble may arise.

Very truly yours,
O. E. CROWE,
Sheriff, Lane County.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21—DEPARTMENT of agriculture has devised a new concentrated food the base being varieties of wrinkled peas grown in Washington and Oregon and mixed with soybean. Food values are so high in the concoction that the department asserts it makes an ideal ration for the military forces. This concentrate is planned to be largely used abroad when Uncle Sam starts feeding some 400,000,000 hungry foreigners.

The dehydrated soup (just add hot water and serve) in addition to pea meal and soybean grits is mixed with dry skim milk. The protein content is 35 percent. With the exception of soybean grits, the other ingredients are available in the Pacific northwest, although there is insufficient machinery for full production of powdered milk. The skim milk powder is better than dried whole milk as the latter becomes rancid within a few months whereas the skim milk powder lasts indefinitely.

Growers of wrinkled peas in Oregon and Washington have a heavy task ahead of them supplying their part of the concentrate. The department states it expects between 40 and 50 million pounds of wrinkled pea meal for soup, and specifies that the peas come from the Pacific northwest. The varieties of wrinkled peas are known as Alderman, Perfection, Thomas Laxton, and Surprise. These peas are not to be confused with Austrian winter peas now grown in that area and shipped to southern states to be used as fertilizer. No price has as yet been fixed for the wrinkled peas.

CLAUDE WICKARD, now food boss of the nation in the matter of production and distribution, has made the statement that if President Roosevelt is given authority to suspend tariff laws there are 300,000,000 bushels of feed grain to be sold to cattlemen who wish to fatten stock before sending it to market. This is one of the several things farmers do not appreciate for there are surpluses of grain in the northwest and midwest which are considered ample for all requirements.

While the prospect of a flood of Canadian grain flowing into the United States alarms the farmer, the cattleman is worried over the prospect of the domestic market being invaded by beef from the Argentine. Apple growers of Yakima and Hood River valleys have a threat of British Columbia competition if the president is authorized to suspend tariff schedules, and Medford orchardists can look for pears from South America entering the domestic market. Ditto the turkey growers of the northwest.

SOMEWHAT late in its discovery is the department of agriculture in announcing that 60 percent of all the cows milked in the United States are in herds of 10 cows or less, producing 55 percent of the milk supply. The announcement comes after the great decrease in these small herds, sold to slaughter houses because the dairymen have been unable to keep workers and the dairyman and his wife cannot care for the small herd and attend to other chores of a milk ranch. For 1943 the department is asking dairymen to increase production over 1942 by two billion pounds, an almost impossible task when so many cows have been disposed of.

As a sidelight on the milk problem consider Tillamook county, Oregon, where 92 dairies have been put out of business by the navy which bought the valuable grazing land and converted the pasturage into a \$7,000,000 base headquarters for blimps to patrol the Puget Sound firm.

JIMMY BYRNES is tired of his job which, when the executive order was issued appeared to make him over-all boss of the war effort; over Donald Nelson of war production board, Leon Henderson of office of price administration, etc. Like others who have been made czars by executive order (Rubber Czar Jeffers told a house committee that czars were a dime a dozen), Byrnes discovered that he didn't have the authority the executive order specified. Ex-Senator and ex-Justice Byrnes has had repeated rows with Nelson and Henderson and told the latter to stop seeking publicity and get down to business.

New Jimmy Byrnes would like to recapture his seat on the supreme bench which he resigned to take on the special task for the president (at a personal sacrifice of \$10,000 a year). Mr. Roosevelt has not filled the vacancy notwithstanding there are scores of applicants. Justices Frankfurter, Reed and Jackson are said to be pulling for Charles Fahy, solicitor general; Justices Douglas, Black and Murphy lean toward Sherman Minton, who was given a lame duck appointment on the court of appeals after being defeated for re-election to the senate.

Dates for Weddings Announced

By MARIAN LOWRY
JANUARY, too will be a month of weddings. Dates for two services of interest to many friends have been announced.

Miss Phyllis Gray has set January 12 as the date for her marriage to Lieutenant David Knox. Miss Gray is the daughter of Mrs. A. Ralph Gray, Lieutenant Knox the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Knox.

Miss Priscilla Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Norton, announces January 7 as the date for her marriage to Stewart Allen Smith of White River Junction, Vermont. The ceremony will be an evening one at eight o'clock in the chapel of St. Mary's Episcopal church, a reception to follow at the Norton residence. Mrs. Charles Lane of Tacoma is to be matron of honor for her niece.

HOME FROM SCHOOL

Miss Mary Nadine Snellstrom is home for the Christmas holidays from St. Helen's hall, Portland. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Snellstrom. The school's vacation continues until January 4.

CLUB PARTY TUESDAY

The Santa Clara Women's club is to hold its Christmas party Tuesday at the home of Mrs. H. R. Emerson. The covered dish luncheon will be at twelve-thirty o'clock, and a gift exchange will be held.

PLAN PARTY

Daughters of Union Veterans will hold their regular meeting and birthday party Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, at the home of Mrs. Bertha Pearson, 1158 Mill, at seven-thirty.

Dinner Held

Seventy-five attended the Christmas dinner and program of the cmo and auxiliary of the United Spanish War Veterans at W.O.W. hall Sunday afternoon. A program of songs and readings, arranged for by Mrs. Horace Burnett, immediately followed the dinner. Turkey was provided by the committee in charge of the evening: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur White, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hart, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Coll, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell, and Mrs. May Moon.

PARTY HELD FRIDAY

Getchell club of the Royal Neighbors of America held its Christmas party Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. H. Peters. Twelve members were present for the afternoon of needlework, highlighted by a gift exchange. Mrs. Roy Kelly received the hostess prize. The next party, a one-thirty dessert, will be January 15, at the home of Mrs. R. B. Kelly, 516 Monroe.

Birthday Party

Mrs. John Schlesinger entertained recently at a birthday party to honor Mrs. Sophia Hewitt, Mrs. Laura Arey, and Miss Charlotte Choate. Mrs. Maude DeVaney and Mrs. Luella Barger assisted the hostess. Guests included Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Arey, Miss Choate, Mrs. Florence Bruce, Mrs. A. B. Simon, Mrs. Florence Jenkins, Mrs. Marie Plaisted, Mrs. L. G. Carroll, Mrs. Cora Holmes, Mrs. Finkenbinder, Mrs. H. A. Swartz, Mrs. DeVaney, Mrs. Burger, Mrs. Florence Small, Mrs. Nina Gray, Miss Maxine Gray.

Oregon Marine Hero To Be Welcomed

HUBBARD, Dec. 21—(AP)—Capt. Marion Carl, one of the marine corps' flying aces in the Pacific, will be welcomed home tomorrow night in a ceremony in Hubbard high school. The winner of the navy cross, who took part in the Midway and Solomon Islands battles, has been visiting war production plants and flying schools since his return to this country recently.

His mother, Mrs. Ellen Carl, who operates a farm near here, and state officials will greet him.

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By "big" woman is meant the tall, big-framed woman who takes, say size 38 to 42—not the really stout woman whose dress problems are entirely different. Simplicity should be the primary guide for the big woman—simplicity of line, color, trimming and accessories. She should cling to smooth, plain silhouettes that tend to streamline her figure. She should avoid like the plague loud colors of size-enhancing patterns, such as big plaids or checks. Collars, cuffs and other trimmings should coincide with the general lines of the garment and not break them by four-frou or size-increasing flared efforts. The dress and suit pictured above illustrate how these principles are carried out. The hostess gown, left, is of soft, lightweight knitted wool, cleverly cut to flatter the figure, even though it be a large one. The color is solid, without distracting pattern. The plastron and deep cuffs of white wool embroidery in Wedgewood pattern lend dignity to a mature woman and do not disturb the silhouette.

The beautifully tailored suit at right is severely simple in line, but this is eased by the fabric—soft knit wool—and by the colors—unobtrusive pastels. Silver buttons give the sole decorative touch. The turban is of two-tone wool jersey, with graceful, face softening scarf.

Election For Club Friday

COLLEGE Crest Community club held its meeting, potluck dinner, and Christmas party, Friday evening.

At the business session the following officers were chosen: Willis Wiper, president; Truman Wills, vice-president; Miss Mickey Joll, secretary; Arne Strommer, treasurer; Mrs. Paul Wray and Walter B. Schmieding, trustees.

Recipes

(By A. P. Service)

SPAGHETTI SCRAMBLE

- 4 tablespoons fat
1-3 cup diced onions
1/2 cup diced celery
3 cups cooked spaghetti
4 tablespoons flour
2 1/2 cups milk
1 cup grated or finely sliced cheese
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon paprika
Heat fat in frying pan, add onions and celery and simmer 5

minutes. Add spaghetti and flour. When blended pour in milk and cheese. Cook slowly until thick and creamy. Add rest of ingredients and cook 2 minutes. Serve at once.

SPICED BEETS

- 3 cups sliced cooked beets
1/4 cup vinegar
1/4 cup water
1-8 teaspoon cinnamon
1-8 teaspoon cloves
1/4 teaspoon salt
1-8 teaspoon paprika
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons butter
Mix ingredients and simmer, covered, 10 minutes.

GRANDMOTHER'S DOUGHNUTS

- 2-3 tablespoons fat
2-3 cups sugar
1 cup mashed potatoes
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs, beaten
3 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix fat and sugar. Add potatoes, milk, nutmeg, salt and eggs. Beat 2 minutes. Lightly mix in rest of ingredients. Roll out soft dough until about 1/4 inch thick. Heat fat in frying pan, add nuts and fry in deep hot fat.

Students Married In South

ON Sunday evening in the Pueblo Oratorio of the Chapman Park hotel, California, was solemnized the marriage of Miss Frances Ruth Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Glen Cox of Los Angeles, to Carl Wimberly, son of Judge and Mrs. Carl Wimberly of Roseburg.

Both the young couple are students at the University of Oregon. The ceremony was held at eight o'clock, Rev. Bert Hause officiating.

The bride was given in marriage. She wore a white satin gown, princess style, with a veil of old lace which has been a cherished possession of her family, and carried a prayer book with orchids.

Mrs. R. J. Healy was matron of honor, Miss Carolyn Loud, maid of honor, and Misses Julia Glasby, Berlie Myers, and Marguerite Keating, bridesmaids. Mrs. Healy and Miss Loud wore pink damask satin gowns and the bridesmaids gowns were blue damask satin. All carried bouquets of roses. Attending Mr. Wimberly as best man was Warren Treece of Portland, and the ushers were Robert Healy, Kenneth Shipley, Marion Cloud, and Clifton Steel.

Immediately following the wedding a reception was held in the Green Room of Chapman Park hotel. After a wedding trip to San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. Wimberly will both return to resume their studies at the University of Oregon where the bride is a member of Phi Beta Phi sorority and the bridegroom of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

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Country Club Card Event on Friday

First grand slam in the country club's grand slam tournament were made at the gathering at club house, Friday. Mrs. A. W. Stien and S. A. Stien made one of the grand slams, the other.

Honors for the evening were Mrs. Stien, L. B. Stewart, Potter, and Mrs. L. E. Spence. Defense stamps are given as special prizes. Next round in the series will be held January 8.

Calendar

- 2:30 p.m.—Eastside Neighborhood club meeting, home of Mrs. N. P. Larsen.
6:30 p.m.—Graduate men of the Moose, home of John Parsons, 2183 Washington.
8:30 p.m.—Alpha Iota sorority and Christmas party, home of Mrs. Merton Foltz.
7 p.m.—Theta Rho, Odd Fellows hall.
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service Guild, home of Mrs. Geo. Spicer, 1823 Moss.
7:30 p.m.—Hospitality meeting, Moose hall.
7:30 p.m.—Loyal Friends of the First Christian Church church basement.
8 p.m.—Oregon Rose Lodge, Moose hall.
Tuesday
12:30 p.m.—Santa Clara Women's club Christmas party, home of Mrs. H. R. Emerson.
2:30 p.m.—Music study group of Women's City club, 12 Jefferson street.

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Advertisement for Travel Announcement. Text: "TRAVEL ANNOUNCEMENT The appeal 'Not to Travel' during the period December 12th to January 12th, UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, has not met with the response hoped for. We must, therefore, repeat that because of the duty and necessity of first providing for the transportation requirements of the armed services, including those on furloughs and those traveling on war or government business, it may be impossible to accommodate all who are planning to travel during the above period. To avoid chances of being unable to board trains at stations because of capacity loads and our inability to secure added equipment, it is suggested, and you are urged, if possible, to postpone your trip. The Progressive UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD The Strategic Middle Route".