

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER (Published Every Evening and Sunday) Editor and Publisher: Alton F. Baker...

Take Oregon 'Out of Politix'

From a prominent Young Democrat in Portland, comes a suggestion that all state and county offices should be made non-partisan...

- 1. Most of the duties of state and county officials have little relation to national party politics or policies. 2. Under the Oregon primary system, the political parties are peculiarly ineffectual...

As to county government, we have long advocated a non-partisan selection, same as in our cities. In counties as in cities, the purely local nature of government is perfectly evident...

When it comes to state government, there is more room for argument. The states, at many points, are in a direct relationship to national government...

At least, we would be content to proceed to non-partisan government step by step, with the counties as the next step. The real weakness of the political parties in Oregon, we believe, is one of organization and leadership...

"Does either party stand for anything?" That also is a legitimate question. We merely point out that party effort usually consists in some pre-primary feigning of self-starting candidates...

"What would happen if either party hired a competent man full time, year in and year out to build up at the grass roots—the precincts?" Maybe the American Veterans Committee will find here a suggestion for one of its radio forums...

Women Have The Tough Job When it comes to the house to house selling for the Lane County Chest, that falls mostly to the women. It is the toughest job of the lot and the reasons why are easy to see...

All of these are perfectly proper answers, but it should be kept in mind that the house-to-house solicitation is still necessary—there are a great many people in all parts of town who cannot be reached except at their homes...

This is merely a reminder that the house-to-house visits are necessary and to suggest that these women who do this tough chore be treated courteously. After all, they give their time and strength to this community...

BPA Gives Listing Of Available Posts The Bonneville Power Administration offices in Eugene has announced that the following positions are open within the administration and will be filled on an open, competitive basis:

engineering draftsman (two vacancies), \$2394, design section, Portland; attorney, \$3397.20, Portland; lineman (four utility crew vacancies), \$1.85 per hour when employed, Vancouver, Wash. Persons interested may obtain information and interviews at the BPA office, second floor, post-office building, Eugene.

PRISONERS GET BREAK BERLIN — (AP) — Gen. Joseph T. McNarney announced Thursday that 400 German prisoners would be released from jails under American control on Dec. 15 so they could join their families for Christmas. McNarney said persons jailed by German Denazification courts would not be affected.

Minis Gets Damages As Result of Collision A jury in circuit court Wednesday awarded L. W. Minis \$1641.93 for damages arising from a collision of two trucks Aug. 8 north of Cottage Grove. Defendants in the action were the Los Angeles-Seattle Motor Express and J. Spalsbury, driver of one of the trucks. The amount granted was the figure for which Minis sued.

BEETS LIKE HAMS COLUMBUS, O. — (AP) — C. P. Tigner, Columbus part-time gardener, grows beets so large "you can slice them like ham." Tigner has displayed one which weighed 16 pounds, 11 ounces.

effort, and they get very little of the glory. Very seldom is it their privilege to bring in the big checks, and the total of their division will not be among the impressive totals. Yet, it really takes a lot more pluck to go from door to door, ringing bells—only to find that most of the prospects have already earned the red feather—than it does to call on Aloysius J. Bigshot for a thumping gift.

These door-to-door people are "the gleaners in the field." They reach many who would not otherwise be reached and many who want to do their share. Perhaps some genius will figure out a better plan some day, but in the meantime we bespeak a cheerful smile and courtesy for these Chest workers.

Very gratifying, so far, are the returns from the "unit" giving for the Chest, far above last year's totals, and contrary to the reports from some other cities. The "Units" are the divisions lead by people in employment, as distinguished from the "special gifts" division which works on "the bosses."

This is good because Lane county may need this worker support, not only to reach the \$111,000 goal but to meet the challenges which came in yesterday from a dozen different cities, all the way from Burlington, Vermont and Augusta, Georgia to South Bend, Indiana where Chest drives are in progress. It seems Eugene and Lane county topped the nation a few years back in "percentage over goal," and now these rivals want to bet all kinds of home products from "Vermont turkey" to "Virginia ham" that this community can't do it again. These bets will have to be covered, of course. The news columns will faithfully report the "insults."

Have you heard about the gal who ditched her football player boy friend because she heard another girls praise his "wonderful passes"?

Thieves in a Kansas town stole a stairway from a new home. Police are now taking steps.

"Industrial Buyers Using More Care"—headline. And they're not the only ones, brother!

WASHINGTON LETTER BY PETER EDSON Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

Harry Truman's Credo WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—(NEA)—There was something almost pathetic about the President's Armistice Day statement, promising and pleading for co-operation with the Republicans. Toward the end of the declaration it was almost an echo of Emil Coue saying, "Every day in every way, I shall strive to do better and better."

The President elaborated on this a little. What he wrote on his slate was: "As President of the United States, I am guided by a simple formula: to do in all cases, from day to day, without regard to narrow political considerations, what seems to me to be best for the welfare of all our people."

That date was when he first announced he was calling a labor-management conference to see if the union leaders and the captains of industry couldn't put their own houses in order without government policing. The conference failed, and the country went through a series of strikes that set reconversion back by months.

This is only one of the disappointments and frustrations Harry Truman has experienced. The things that have happened to him shouldn't happen to a goat.

Reality Was A Great Shock When he first went to the White House he made a great point of wanting to work with his old friends in Congress. When he realized that most of the members of Congress were interested in themselves and that he was the only one trying to think about the whole country, it was probably the worst shock he ever got in his life.

He did a little better on securing co-operation for a bi-partisan, non-partisan foreign policy. Congress went along with him on that. But on domestic policies, it has been dog eat dog ever since V-J Day. So, he is faced with a hostile Congress again—a Republican Congress this time—pleading with all the pitiful earnestness he can put into it, for just a little of the unity that has been put into the handling of foreign policy, to shape domestic policy. He won't get it, of course. Congress will be opened in January with prayer and pious platitudes to work for the common good. Then the fight will begin.

Unity Is An Elusive Thing In Peacetime A leading American manufacturer of motor trucks recently made the startling observation that, "The only reason I have for believing that democracy may not in the long run prove to be the best form of government, is that we in this country never seem able to unite in times of peace."

That's a crack worth thinking about. The implication is that when we get into a war we can unite and work for a common cause, forgetting completely differences in race, religion, social, economic or political backgrounds. Instead of that, however, in times of peace the American spirit breaks into a million bits. Maybe it's the turmoil, this constant competitive battling in a free economy and a free society, which makes this country great. That's the philosophical way of trying to rationalize it.

But couldn't a lot more get done to make the democratic system work in time of peace if the politicians would leave off their squabbling and get behind a united domestic program as they have in the field of foreign affairs?



ARMY JUMPERS—Col. Earl F. Thomson of Fort Riley, Kas., captain of the U.S. Army jumping team, looks over Two Star (owner), captured German horse, and Democrat, a jumping veteran, in New York for the National Horse Show at Madison Square Garden.

Foreign Service Staff Hopes Recent Salary Boosts Remain

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The state department's striped pants boys have entered a new era of bigger diplomatic salaries and expense accounts. But their fingers are crossed in the hope the new Republican Congress won't chop them back with its economy axe.

The occasion was the coming into effect recently of the Foreign Service Expansion Bill, passed with acclaim by the last Congress.

Under it, Uncle Sam's ambassadors will: 1. Get their first raise in nearly 100 years. 2. Not have to fork over much, if anything, out of their own pockets to pay for keeping up appearances abroad. 3. Be able to throw almost as many parties and hire almost as many servants in their embassies as the British and Russians.

Numerous changes in the U.S. Foreign Service are provided in this important piece of legislation. It would erase the old \$10,000 ceiling for Foreign Service officers' salaries, upping it to \$13,500. Top ambassadorial salaries—in such places as Moscow, London, and Paris—would go up from \$17,500 to \$25,000, with a new \$25,000 expense account. Existing allowances total some \$15,000.

Return to States Officials serving abroad would be brought home every two years to let them get the feel of things here. In addition, the state department would be allowed to expand the Foreign Service from 11,000 to 17,000 workers. The measure also would do things like buying an entire new summer outfit for an ambassador and his family who have to transfer from Iceland to Africa and throw away their skis and parkas.

Snakes that are most active at night have evolved special structures in the eye that enable them to see in dim light. All officers were reelected by the conservation section.

Delegates were told in opening speeches Wednesday that the state's soil conservation districts now embrace projects aggregating 3,895,643 acres of farm land. A. W. McCullough, irrigation engineer for the SCS, outlined methods for coordination of irrigation and conservation planning. He said 700,000 acres of Oregon land need leveling before irrigation and Arnold Bodtker, field man for the Oregon State Production and Marketing Committee, reported that 1,136,000 acres are in need of drainage. He added that 800,000 acres of otherwise non-irrigable land need overhead sprinkler systems. He said 385,000 acres of non-irrigated land are readily accessible to water.

A proposal that restoration of farm lands destroyed by placer mining be required by legislation was referred to the executive committee.

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City Schools' to Buy Instruments for Music

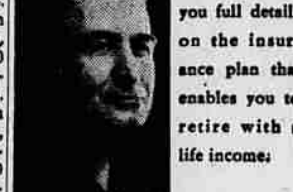
City school students are in need of French horns, baritone horns and cellos which the city school district will purchase from persons wishing to sell such instruments.

Byron Miller, instrumental music supervisor, asked that interested persons leave a description of their instruments, and the price, at the central school office in city hall.

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