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What Future For GOP?

As might be expected after the great debacle, Republicans from one end of the country to the other are arguing the future of their party. Clarence Buddington Kelland, the author, who is also national committee man from Arizona, has blasted Dewey and "the Albany group" in a letter to all national committeemen:

"The Albany group provided the candidate with smug, shallow, insincere speeches. It was a contemptuous campaign, contemptuous alike of our antagonists and our friends. The Albany group proved themselves to be geniuses in stirring up and availing of lethargy. No issue was stated or faced."

No doubt Mr. Kelland feels better now, but he has not thrown much light on the plight of the GOP. He has not made any suggestions for reconstruction of the party.

There was another flareup in Portland where Don Van Boskirk, chairman of the Multnomah county central committee is reported to have said:

"Of course the Republican party is the party of big business and ought to be proud of it."

Reports indicate that this extremely narrow view was challenged promptly by other and more liberal members of the Multnomah committee. We hear that Senator Wayne L. Morse has been invited to speak to an assembly at Reed College, arranged by the Young Republicans at Reed. In effect, they want him to answer Van Boskirk—and that should produce plenty of fireworks.

It is our prediction that the Republican party between now and 1952 faces a struggle for control much like that which the Democratic party has just survived. Remnants of Wendell Willkie's followers are already on the warpath to get rid of Robert Taft as head of the policy committee in Congress (although Taft by reason of his stand on housing, federal aid for education and many other measures is a flaming liberal compared to many of the old roosters in Congress).

"Where will Wayne L. Morse fit in this struggle for GOP control?"

His colleague, Guy Cordon, predicted before election that "if we lose this election Morse will be the new leader in the party." Of course Guy is loyal to his fellow Oregonian. It will not be so simple as all that.

Morse himself made a talk to Young Republicans in Seattle this week which may indicate his tactics. He told them:

"Your mistake has been in building your organization around men and not around measures. Your club has been a Stassen outfit. You must build around measures and then find the man to fit the measure."

That is sound advice—not easy to put into effect (because most YR's, and YD's, for that matter are as barren of ideas as a football rooting section). Maybe there should be a restatement of the Van Boskirk proposition:

"It is no sin for the Republican party to be the party of Big Business, but Big Business must not be allowed to own the party or have any priority over labor or little business or the farmer and everybody else."

The Republican party must be a party of all the people, if it is to survive. It can be conservative without losing the common touch. It can be the party of what Morse calls "constitutional liberalism" as compared to those types of radicalism which depart from American concepts.

But perhaps there will first have to be some more highclass political funerals. There will have to be repeated transfusions of ideas. As of now, the GOP is pretty sick!

Cities And Counties Can Do It

In his admirable presentation of the Interim Committee's proposals for a long-range consistent attack on Oregon's highway, road and street needs, Representative Ralph Moore, of Coos County, spoke quite plainly to the League of Oregon Cities about the poor quality of engineering methods and construction records in many cities and counties. There is a very practical way to solve some of these difficulties, especially in those communities where budgets for this type of work are very limited. We call attention to three sections of Oregon Code:

OCLA 86-131—Agreements with municipalities, districts or commissions for joint performance of administrative functions. That any one or more municipalities, districts or commissions situated in any county, hereby are authorized whenever it is deemed for their best interests, to enter into written agreements with such county, or with each other for the joint performance of any and all similar administrative functions and activities of their governments through consolidated agencies, or by means of institutions or buildings jointly constructed, owned, leased or operated.

OCLA 86-132—Requisites of agreement; Spreading upon minutes. Such written agreements shall set forth what functions or activities of local government shall be jointly carried on, and shall specify, definitely, the manner in which the expenses thereof shall be apportioned. Upon such agreement being ratified by the governing bodies of such municipalities, districts, commissions or county subscribing thereto, it shall be spread upon the respective minutes.

OCLA 86-133—Powers vested. Whenever any such agreement has been entered into, then the consolidated agency or institution set up to function jointly for the municipalities, districts, commissions or county which are party thereto, shall be vested with all the powers, rights, duties and functions theretofore existing by law in the separate agencies so consolidated.

In the setup of our Central Lane Plan-

ning office and the employment of Howard Buford and his staff we have just such an agreement between the county, the cities of Eugene and Springfield and their school boards and the Eugene Water Board.

Could we get together to form an engineering bureau which could serve not only the county but all of the cities, water districts, drainage districts and other agencies which now have either inadequate department or are compelled to hire their engineering done?

Of course these sections cover such a joint undertaking as a combined building to house city and county police, fire and motor vehicle activities—and the state's as well.

These sections were enacted back in 1933—at the request of Hood River we have been told. Anyhow they open up many possibilities for combinations which will save money for the taxpayers and produce much greater efficiency.

Counties and cities are asking continually for more state support. The state has a right to insist that we "save pennies" and step up efficiency wherever possible.

Putting A Floor Under Pensions

Putting a \$50 "floor" under pensions for the aged of Oregon, as now recommended by Joe E. Dunne, is quite different from the sweeping provisions of the initiated bill which was adopted by the people, as we understand that measure. On Page 1 today we print a statement by Mr. Dunne, through his attorney Barnett Goldstein, clarifying the November 6 story in The Oregonian in which Mr. Dunne was quoted on the situation resulting from the passage of the measure (see Mailbag).

It may be possible to put a \$50 floor under old age assistance without eliminating the requirement of "need" on which federal aid to this and other states is based. It should be possible to eliminate the duplication of pensions for man and wife, or the pensioning of either one where the other spouse has ample means of support. If the blanket provisions for housing, medical care and other generalized benefits of the bill are brought within the ability of the state to furnish such services, a program can be worked out which will accomplish the purpose of adequate support for the needy aged without wrecking the state's finances or tax structures.

Criticisms of Attorney General Neuner for his opinion, directing that the Act be suspended until the Legislature can straighten it out is entirely unwarranted. It is the attorney general's sworn duty to advise the governor and other administrative officials of the state in such a situation. Not even by vote of the people can an act be passed and put into effect if it violates any provisions of the Oregon constitution—as the piling up of a debt for pensions would if this act were enforced now.

Nor can the people of the state create a tax by merely directing large expenditures to be made for which no source of funds has been provided.

If Mr. Dunne and his friends will work with the Legislature to bring forth a measure which is within this state's means, or which can be financed with a tax which the people will support then there will be little difficulty in clearing up this muddle. But let there be no misunderstanding as to the present effect of this enactment:

It jeopardizes state support for our schools from which we get one-third of our total school revenue.

It jeopardizes all state, county, city and school financing of necessary projects by means of bonds.

Putting "a floor under pensions" is quite different from what the act provides. No doubt that is what the people who voted for the measure intended to do and no more. But they did a great deal more than they intended through misunderstanding of the measure as it was presented.

All England "agonized" over the birth of Elizabeth's baby. Huh! They just ought to wait for the bringing forth of a Rose Bowl team.

Portland and Los Angeles are yak-yaking about who's got the tallest Christmas tree—which reminds us not to forget the Lookouts and our Community Christmas.

Wayne L. Morse will be home for Thanksgiving after his tour of the country trying to elect Republican congressmen. He has real reason for Thanksgiving.

One diagnosis of GOP's troubles is that Dewey put too much faith in Santa Claus. At last somebody shot Santa Claus.

Princess Elizabeth's baby is reported to weigh about "half a stone," which is seven pounds six, which is worth about \$29 at the current rate of exchange.

Dewey stirred up "an avalanche of lethargy," says Bug Kelland. McGurk wants to bet it looked like a nest of hornets to Dewey.

An oyster CANT be human—it keeps its mouth shut part of the time.

People used to wonder what to do with ex-presidents; now the problem is what to do with ex-candidates for president.

You may get wrong numbers from the telephone exchange but a lot of right ones work there.

In The Editor's Mailbag

RE OLD AGE PENSIONS

EUGENE—(To the Editor)—A peculiar thing is no one has written an article against it to publish over their own signature. When I hear talk about some people being lower down than a snake's belly and desiring tar and feathers I can easily imagine who they refer to.

Another thing said is that the credit of Oregon was ruined on account of the 3 to 2 vote for it and almost the same week the planners announced an improvement to Columbia River to cost about 3 billion dollars the greatest amount of money for a project in the Northwest. It don't look like our credit was all gone yet.

But some wise guy will remark, that ain't the state of Oregon's money, that is the U. S. Government. Well don't the U. S. Government get its money from taxes collected in each state and don't Oregon contribute.

The fact that a bond company told a school board at Salem that they would have to have more than 22 2/3% interest isn't anything to get startled over. The bond house was still willing to advance this large sum at a little higher rate of interest, according to the most of the financial magazines I read the whole country is about to undergo higher interest rates. I can remember when they paid 4% on savings accounts in Eugene and there was neither a depression or boom on at that time (I have lived around Eugene approximately 46 years). In my opinion there is no cause for complaint. For a long time the rent on money has been too low. They have advanced wages and costs of living etc., and I see no reason why interest rates should not advance also. If the speculators had to pay more for money they might not be so keen to store stuff in warehouses and create artificial shortages on borrowed capital.

But to get back to the pension problem—when they estimated it would take 50 million to pay 50 dollars a month to needy persons over 60 and 65 according to sex they counted the census of all the people. The bill specifically said that persons receiving the aid must show that they did not have an income of that much (\$50 a month) and of course people who are drawing several hundred a month would not be eligible and should not claim or receive the pension.

Now a recipient of \$50 a month will probably have to spend it all to get by (and will be doing well if he does that) so the money will be kept in circulation and a good many merchants will look forward each month to getting the most out of the check for the aged.

We still could initiate a petition to raise the money by gross income tax if the lawmakers want to have everything specific might not be a bad idea at that.

It is my guess that the rich money bags would like to spend more money to defeat the measure than pay it to the old people.

It might be another good thing to invoke the recall on Attorney Neuner for the flimsy excuse about the measure being a request of the people to the legislature to enact legislation etc.

We all know from past history about what the legislature will do for the old people. There is no use talking to them, we have got to make our own laws to get what we want and I think we will eventually win.

Yours very truly
GEO. E. HORTON
482 East 8th Ave., Eugene, Ore.

OFFER
EUGENE (To the Editor)—I am glad to see that someone has started to write a state song for Oregon. Although somewhat crude and reminding us of a child throwing mud it is at least a starter and that's something. The first steamboat built was a crude affair and "when the whistle blew the boat stopped" we are told. That is a good point in song writing, have plenty of steam (spirituality) but don't make the "whistle" too large.

So I will say to Grace Morley and any others who wish to try their poetic fancy to try again. I will donate ten dollars (\$10.00) for the best song writer providing a purse of \$50 is raised by popular subscription. But the song must pertain to the State of Oregon with its grandeur. And no personalities should be mentioned. And please remember any child can tear down a bird's nest, crumple a flower or break a watch. We need constructive builders. The song must touch the heart and if the words or tune will make a lot of girls weep so much the better. I thank you.

Dorvin Dudeek.
P.S.—If Grace Morley or some other lassie will write a song that will make us bachelors weep I will donate an extra (\$10) ten dollars. This last offer is unconditional.—D.D.

PROTEST
EUGENE—(To the Editor)—We do not like the stand you took on the liquor question or the aid you printed, neither do we like your stand on the old age pension plan.

From the way the votes were cast on each issue, your advice did not have much weight.
George W. Stone
928 Oak St.

EXPECT A LOT
EUGENE (To the Editor)—Somebody said Dewey joked about the "voters voted for my brother, not me. It was all a mistake."

My comment on the election: Let the Democrats cook in their own stew now.

We could not expect anything from Dewey if he had been elected, because he would have the House and Senate against him. But we can expect a lot from the d— Democrats now.
LOUIS JOSEPHSON.

PENSIONS

FLORENCE—(To the Editor)—We are subscribers to your paper for many years. I am very much interested in an old age pension, as my age is past seventy-five. I cannot work on account of my sickness, and receive no old age assistance from Oregon. We have resided in this state for thirteen years. We have a small home and paid for. In regard to the statement in today's paper, which Attorney General George Neuner was the man pointed the way out. The expensive pension plan, approved by the voters, could not be put into effect. This, to my estimation, is ridiculous. There are now over forty million dollars lying in the treasury. Why not put it in circulation and help the needy? You cannot turn down an act of thirteen thousand people, who voted for the passage of this bill, and who mean business. If this voting by the people is not legal, and can be changed or thrown out, then none of the voting November 2nd in Lane county is legal. All the old people need should write in to the legislature to get this bill through to people we voted for. They are now in office. In our neighboring state, California, they find a way to pay the old age people, and is considered for all first in line in the state. Why not Oregon find the same way. Please print as open letter. Would be appreciated.

OTTO W. MOMSEN,
Republican Precinct Committeeman, Florence, Oregon.

FOUR FREEDOMS

The Atlantic Charta we thought was fine. It looked so good all down the line. With freedom from those things all fears, was taken from the world for years. It spelled relief for years to come, we could relax all war was done. If all those freedoms came I guess we would bid goodbye to war's distress. No more our boys would have to fight, for then the world would be alright. "Ah me," what fools we mortals be, to think all nations would agree to settle down with such a plan, would mean the rebuilding of man. Someone was sure to step aside, and would not by such rules abide and now it seems we've drifted far and don't know where those freedoms are.

It seems like history repeats, and unity must get defeats, and like we read in Holy Writ, when people built a tower and it instead of bringing unity, brought confusion of their tongues you see. And ever since that ancient day, it seems they've been confused to stay. We like our independence yet, while others think they better get the State to take on full control, and be the guardian of their soul, and do what leaders say to do, the Nation ruled by just a few. I think the good Lord made us free, we should not sell our liberty, if we do it seems a shame and man, not God must take the blame. I wonder when we'll get some sense, when John Q. Public won't be dense, or, must we wait until too late, and God will leave us to our fate. Those freedoms all we're so well meant, but now it seems there's been a dent, made in each of them today, and where the end is, who can say? I read the Sermon on the Mount, it makes so plain the things that count. Two thousand years have passed away, and see what we have got today! Confusion everywhere around, while what we need is solid ground.

T. E. HAYES, Rt. 2.

JOE DUNNE
EUGENE—(To the Editor)—In our issue of November 18 of the Editorials entitled "Old People Feeling Bitter," I wish to remind you that you are correct in that they are feeling bitter about such misleading statements that you make in your editorials. Mr. Joe Dunne never said he was sorry and would take anything he could get, instead he has employed a very able lawyer to help defend this bill, also Mr. Dunne had the help of several good attorneys to help prepare this bill and it was presented to your Attorney General, Mr. Neuner and he referred it back for some minor changes and it was then presented to him and he said it was OK and was a good bill and further over 300,000 of the Dunne and his "ilks" voted for the bill and I don't think they were so dumb as you try to make them. My experience of voting in Oregon for 40 years is that if people do not understand a bill, they always vote NO. Now, in our last election, they had a bill that provided the funds and you fought that and said it would bankrupt the State, so this time they have decided our State Legislator can provide the funds and you are afraid they will bankrupt this great State and that the old people has made possible for you to enjoy and build your fortune. Now, I paid over \$400 taxes this year and have paid taxes for 40 years in Oregon and never expect to get an old age pension, but have been helping pay for pensions for state employees, county employees, fireman's pestal, government, school teachers and many others. I refuse to lay idle and see the older people that should come first on the list and am willing to pay a little more taxes and see that they are taken care of and not called "ilks" a dumb people as you do in your editorial. I have also been helping to support you to about \$30 a week, so print this and oblige.

E. W. Walker
Editor's note: In the Oregonian for Nov. 6 Joe E. Dunne was quoted: "The interpretation 'is so far from what we intended it isn't even Neenan.' He said only intent was to put floor at \$50. It is the draft of 66 people and shows it. When we were trying to make a plain statement, we made it so plain it is ambiguous. We did not mean to touch funds allocated by

law. We intended no property tax, tangible or intangible. We just wanted to show pensions are a problem of the whole people. He said it was contemplated that legislature would re-phrase the measure. He said he would go to legislature and see that what we write written into the people who are worthy and needy will get the pension. We have no desire to bankrupt the state."

SEX MATTER
NEW YORK—(UPI)—The officers and crew of the freighter Lyngenford which brought five male and four female polar bear cubs here from Norway didn't know which was which. Dr. Leonard Goss, director of the New York Zoological Park, was called in to tell them before the bears were taken to Chicago.

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