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USING NATURE'S DYE

Some of the manual training students of the high school have been displaying the products of their woodworking skill in down town windows this week. Looking at articles of furniture on display, we are struck not only by the excellence of the work but by what we took at first to be a very clever job of dyeing. The wood, beautifully finished, shows bluish tints in places; sometimes the color predominates. For a moment we wondered how it had been done.

And then we realized that it was perfectly natural. The young craftsmen had had nothing to do with it except that they had been intelligent enough to make use of the tint that was already present in the board. The coloring was, of course, the fungus manifestation that every lumberman is familiar with. One of the blue stain fungi, incidentally, is penicillin. The name, we are sure, needs no introduction as that of the parent of one of the most beneficial substances that has come into use in the practice of medicine in recent years, and one which has pointed the way to the use of other fungus derivatives.

The blue color may develop in down timber or even in outdoor stacked lumber under conditions of protracted damp and lack of sunshine. The fungus growth spreads through the intercellular spaces of the wood producing the stained appearance which we had noted in the student's furniture. The wood's natural physical properties are not impaired, however, according to the experts.

Still we can remember when "blue" lumber was considered of greatly diminished value. It brought a low price, being considered suitable for structural use only. Maybe it will be more highly esteemed now, just as knot-filled lumber, once rejected by the builder, is now a fancy product commanding a fancy price. It may even be that, one of these days, there will not be enough of this fungus-dyed wood to meet the demand and that artificial tinting will be resorted to in supplementing the natural supply. As to these things, we do not know. We feel sure, however, that there will be no "blue" lumber thrown away.

AS THE PEOPLE WANTED IT

Oregon as a whole could hardly have been more definite on the larger political issues presented to the voters last week. The Republicans, by a whopping majority, preferred Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and said so and some of the Democrats wrote in his name on their blue ballots. There was no actual contest in the presidential preference vote in their own party. And it wasn't only in Deschutes county that the voters refused to approve delegates to the national convention who would not stay hitched. In the state at large as well as here it was only delegates who were committed to follow the people's instructions who were elected.

It is doubtless the fact that this same voter feeling was projected into the national committee contest and that Lowell Paget, seeking this position, lost it, in part at least, because of his attempt to attend the national convention as an unpledged delegate. The other reason, of course, was that the people did want Jess Gard, who made no bones about his liking for Ike.

That is definitely the way the people of Oregon want it. If the convention should decree otherwise, the choice will undoubtedly be accepted by the party in this state as well as elsewhere. But the voters' first choice is Dwight D. Eisenhower.

LAVA BEARS AT THE TOP

It is the nature of anti-climax that a district meet should be held in the week following that in which the competitors engaged in a state meet but it is in just that situation that the track and field athletes of the "Big Six" find themselves today. It is an even sharper anti-climax, we should think, for the boys of the Bend high school for they not only competed in the state inter-scholastic meet last week but won it as well.

For their achievement they have our proud congratulations. A state meet is really something to take. It is rarely that one is won by a majority of points; there are too many schools in the running. That is another way of saying that the competition is extremely tough. Paradoxically, a meet in which there is less urgent competition may be harder to win if there are fewer entrant schools to share in the distribution of points. What it means is that a school may need more points to win. That is the situation today.

If we know our Lava Bears, however, they will still be looking good at the conclusion of this second meet in five days. Our best wishes to them.

Socialists Plan to Put Up 1952 Presidential Candidate

By LYLE C. WILSON

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—The Socialist Party boldly has announced that it will put up a presidential candidate again this year. The national convention takes place in Cleveland May 30-31.

The Socialist Call devoted less than a column to its convention announcement and the mention of a couple of likely presidential nominees. Inside the paper has a full page discussion of what the Socialist party is up against; which is plenty. And what it should do, which is a matter of dispute.

The Socialist party is up against the fact that most of its voters have deserted it. The desertion began in 1936. Socialist presidential candidate Eugene V. Debs polled nearly 1,000,000 of about 15,000,000 votes cast in 1920.

Socialist Candidate Norman Thomas got nearly 900,000 votes in 1922 of 39,816,000 cast. Economic depression is body building food for Socialism. Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal-Democratic coalition sapped the Socialist party's strength.

The Socialist vote fell to little more than 80,000 in 1944, was a mere 129,000 in 1948. Hundreds of thousands of Socialist voters were not being cast or they had been absorbed into the coalition created by FDR and led in 1948 by President Truman.

Socialists are disputing what to do about that. The full page discussion in the Socialist Call was an argument for getting out of the presidential candidate business al-

together. The nomination of a Socialist ticket is as unrealistic as little children playing house.

Socialists are advised, therefore, to adopt the bare knuckled realism of British Socialism which set out just more than 50 years ago to kidnap a political party and, thereafter, to take over government in good time. British Socialism did just that. The party they took over was the Independent Labor Party, although that one was not their first choice.

The Call article counseled Socialists to scatter themselves among left wing organizations. This infiltration or penetration was to lead finally to independent Socialist political action. That independent action, apparently, would come finally with Socialist domination of an established party or by the shaping of existing left wing groups into national political party structure.

Specifically tagged for penetration were: Liberal Party (New York), American for Democratic Action, CIO Political Action Committee, AFL Labor's League for Political Education.

The slump in the total Socialist pool suggests that many thousands of Socialist voters already have moved in those directions.

FISH BAINS DOWN
 DYERSBURG, Tenn. (AP)—Tom Fowlkes caught a fish while plowing. He ran to take shelter from a rain and when he came back found a perch lying next to his plow.

There Just Isn't Room for Both of Them



Washington Column

By PETER EDSON
(NEA Washington Correspondent)

WASHINGTON (NEA)—General Eisenhower's schedule immediately after his return from Europe has now been agreed upon. He is expected in Washington, Sunday, June 1. He will clean up his business with the Pentagon, the President and Congress by June 3.

On June 3 he will go to Abilene, Kan., and the next day will make his first speech at corner-stone laying ceremonies for the Eisenhower Foundation building. This is booked as a non-political speech, but it will be fully carried by radio and television networks. Eisenhower will hold his first political press conference in the Elks club of Abilene at 9 a. m., Thursday, June 5.

General Eisenhower will be in New York for the week of June 7 to 14. He will make his headquarters at the Columbia University president's residence. He will hold one press conference and will otherwise make himself available to convention delegates and his New York political managers. He is not scheduled to make any speeches while in New York.

After this he will go to Denver and set up his headquarters for the summer. Where he speaks

Fast Action Seen On Flood Measure

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) said Wednesday he expects the Senate to give "immediate attention" to a \$55,000,000 flood control bill.

The bill, passed by the House Tuesday, provides emergency funds to repair dams, levees and other flood control works damaged in the recent Missouri and Mississippi River floods.

The money is in addition to the \$25,000,000 approved last month for flood relief and rehabilitation in the stricken area. While the House rushed through appropriation to repair past flood damage, delegations from four Missouri Valley states asked Congress to grant funds to prevent future floods on the river.

They appeared before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee to urge restoration of House cuts in funds asked by the administration for flood control projects for the next fiscal year.

and what he says up to the time of the Chicago convention July 7 will then be decided.

Still to be worked out is just what stand Candidate Eisenhower will take on the many controversial domestic issues in this campaign.

The Abilene press conference could of course be turned into an endless free-for-all. General Eisenhower may choose to issue a statement outlining his platform. Or he may choose to say that he will make statements on some issues at later dates.

Paul Hoffman's own opinion is that General Eisenhower will have to clarify his position on the key issues like labor and farm policy. The latter is considered particularly important in the Midwest, where it is claimed Sen. Robert Taft has his greatest strength.

General Eisenhower's position on foreign policy towards Europe has of course been stated in detail. Mr. Hoffman feels he should make some clarifying statement on the Far East situation.

In studying the past speeches and statements of General Eisenhower, Mr. Hoffman—talking now like a campaign manager—says he found the general "takes a new approach to all problems. He never quibbles over the past. He is always looking ahead."

Applying this principle to questions like the Far East, Mr. Hoffman thinks his candidate will steer clear of comment on things like the MacArthur issue. Instead, he is expected to offer his ideas on what can be done now to solve the present problem instead of merely trying to make an issue of controversy out of it.

Similarly, Mr. Hoffman does not expect General Eisenhower to touch the subject of McCarthyism as a specific issue. Mr. Hoffman believes the general will make clear where he stands on the matter of freedom of speech. One of the notes General Eisenhower has struck most often is the importance of maintaining freedom, says Mr. Hoffman.

Mr. Hoffman says he sees no possibility of a deadlock at Chicago. He thinks Senator Taft will show his greatest strength on the first ballot and lose thereafter.

No thought has been given to a vice presidential candidate to run with Ike, says Mr. Hoffman. He opposes the idea that this vice presidential candidate should be an ultra-conservative to provide a "balanced ticket." Hoffman wants a running mate with views like Ike's.

Bend's Yesterdays

(From The Bulletin Files)

Thirty-Five Years Ago
 (Monday, May 21, 1917)
 Miss Marie Fox has returned from Corvallis, where she was a student at O.A.C. this past year.

A. M. Pringle and F. A. Woefflen left yesterday morning on a trip to Filq. A breakdown delayed their return.

Fifteen or 20 carloads of Bend people went to the Metolius River yesterday, but few caught fish.

John J. Pershing, veteran of the Mexican campaign, is to head the American expeditionary force that is to be sent to Europe.

Bend high school will graduate the largest class in its history Friday. Twelve girls and five boys are completing their preparatory school work this year.

ALIBI REALLY PERFECT
 KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A 45-year-old Kentuckian had a perfect alibi when he appeared in federal court here on a forgery charge. The court found that the defendant couldn't write.

Knights Templar Planning Trip

Members of Pilgrim Commandery No. 18, Knights Templar, will go to Burns Saturday, May 24, to confer the orders of knighthood upon a large class of candidates. Some 30 members of the degree staff, headed by Robert L. Martin, eminent commander, will make the trip. They will leave by special chartered Trailways bus at 9 a.m. daylight time, from the Masonic Temple.

J. R. Roberts of Redmond and Clyde M. McKay of Bend, both past grand commanders of Oregon, will be among state and local officers who will assist in exemplifying the work.

All Knights Templars, regardless of commandery affiliations, will be welcome to attend the ceremonies, it was stressed by the general committee in charge of arrangements. Committee members are George W. Ager, recorder; Virgil J. Henkle, generalissimo, and Frank Wonsler, junior warden.

The ceremonies will begin promptly at 2 o'clock, daylight saving time, at the Burns Masonic Hall, following a luncheon at the Wait Maudlin Elkhorn Cafe. A banquet will be held following the afternoon meeting, and the final order of the temple will complete the day's activities.

Members of Pilgrim Commandery now living in Burns are Orville W. Corbett, Edwin C. Eberly, Chester A. Felt, John E. Logan, Robert M. Lowe, Howard E. May, Forbes W. McKee, C. Culver Page, W. G. Shepard, Ernest C. Stucke and Raymond Weeks. They have completed arrangements for entertaining the visitors from Madras, Redmond, Prineville, Gilchrist and Bend.

Out On the Farm

By Ha S. Grant

May 21—Gardening is one of those diseases that have to get worse before they can get better, if you know what I mean.

Each year, the garden is a more ambitious project than it was the year before. The Chief plows and smooths and plants with such grim determination that you'd think we were starving to death.

He decided he couldn't wait another minute, and planted the corn, peas, carrots, spinach and lettuce this past week. Last night he finished up the seven rows of potatoes.

The green onions (with tops) and the onion sets (already sprouted) were planted a couple of weeks ago. At regular intervals, the Chief sprinkles magot bait along the rows. Presumably the magots eat the bait instead of the onions, and die happy.

I guess gardening is just like golfing or playing bridge. Pretty soon it gets to be a career.

There's no use being bitter, because the world is full of all kinds of individuals—normal ones and those who like catsup.

Thank goodness there are a few of us who dress up in Levi's and putter around in a garden just for

an excuse to listen to the birds and watch the sunset.
 We drones wouldn't think of spoiling the fun for the workers, however. When the beans and peas and corn are ready to be harvested, we're happy to pitch in and get them ready for the freezer.

PROMISE MADE
 KALAMAZOO, Mich., May 21 (AP)—William Eddington observed his 103rd birthday Wednesday by promising to cut his coffee consumption from 40 to 20 cups a day.

PIGEON SNATCHER
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