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Figures Don't Lie

Commenting upon the outcome of Friday's municipal election in Salem as it pertains to the mayorality, the city council and the water commission, and specifically as to the attitude of successful candidates for these offices toward the Stayton Island water supply project, the Statesman remarks editorially:

The re-election of Mayor Kuhn can fairly be interpreted as an endorsement of his administration's handling of the water problem, and specifically in proceeding with the development of Stayton Island as a source of supply. Had not opposition been worked upon the anti-gambling question the majority for Kuhn, and for the Stayton program, would have been much greater.

If not particularly enlightening, the conclusions at which the Statesman arrives through amazing mathematical gymnastics are at least amusing.

Because of the duplicity of issues and the personalities involved the 249 majority given Mayor-Kuhn, champion of the million dollar Stayton Island scheme, over this opponent Chris Kowitz, out of a 8,303 votes cast, has little or no significance.

It is significant, however, that only four of the nine administration-Stayton Island "ticket" candidates for council positions were returned; that five independent candidates were chosen, and that the confessed ringleader and spokesman for the island program was decisively defeated.

Of the three water commissioners chosen only one was endorsed on the Stayton Island ticket, and he ran a poor third.

The votes polled by the "ticket" candidates and their opponents are likewise interesting and instructive.

Nine administration candidates for council seats polled a total of 4563 votes, or 27 less than the 4590 cast for their opponents.

The two ticket candidates for water commissioners polled a total of 7405 votes against 12,749 for the three non-endorsed aspirants, a difference of 5344. The one successful Stayton Island champion received 4381 votes as compared with 4837 and 4746 respectively for the other two elected.

Another New Deal Blow

The resettlement administration has been declared unconstitutional by a majority of the United States court of appeals for the District of Columbia. The decision is based upon the opinions of the federal supreme court in the NRA, AAA and original "hot oil" control act, and holds the same legal flaws were found in the resettlement act. The decision says:

There is nothing in the act directly prescribing the power or duties of the president with respect to housing and assuming that it may be inferred from the act that funds are to be used by the president, yet there is nothing requiring their use, either absolutely or in any specified condition or circumstance. He is free to use them or not as he sees fit.

After reviewing provisions of the 1935 relief act which appropriated \$4,488 millions and the executive orders of President Roosevelt which set up the resettlement agency, the opinion says, "this is delegation running riot," and the act unconstitutional because it failed to set up any standard or criterion under which the money was to be spent.

The decision was handed down in an injunction action brought by Franklin township, Somerset county, New Jersey, which sought to halt a resettlement project planned within its confines. The injunction request had been refused by the District of Columbia supreme court. The court of appeals reversed the lower court decision.

The resettlement act was an emergency relief measure and the emergency is passing. Certain of the projects have justified themselves but many have not and their cost has been excessive for results materializing. Probably the administration will be grateful for an easy way out to discontinue resettlement projects.

Returning to Normal

Primary election results in Oregon emphasize the return to normal and the passing of hysteria generated by the depression. The defeat of demagoguery shows plainly enough the gradual restoration of prosperity. The November election will spell the final doom of the few radicals who survived for lack of opposition.

Senator McNary will face Willis Mahoney, the only self proclaimed Townsendite for congressional office who secured a nomination against John Jeffrey, perpetual office seeker and probably the most unpopular candidate on the ballot. Representative Ekwall and Pierce were renominated against avowed Townsendites and their opponents, Nanny Wood Honeyman and Roy Ritner, anti-Townsend, were victors over OARP nominees. Congressman Mott, who was endorsed by the pensioners but had no opposition, will face E. W. Kirkpatrick, avowed anti-Townsendite in November.

Ralph E. Williams far outstripped his Townsendite opponent and was re-elected republican national committeeman and Howard Latourette won out in a field of four as democratic patronage distributor. Rufus Holman was renominated for treasurer over W. E. Burke, Townsendite, with the democratic nominee in doubt.

Voters of Portland have evidently had enough of crackpots. Joe Carson was re-elected mayor over Ralph Clyde, ardent champion of isms, and O. R. Bean re-elected commissioner. Commissioner Bennett failed to get a majority and will have a run-off with W. T. Searly in the fall. Clyde, however, remains in office until January, 1939. The Multnomah legislative nominees show the conservative trend.

PROF. GRIFFIN BACK Corvallis—Prof. and Mrs. R. S. Griffin of Reno, Nev., have arrived in Corvallis on a visit to Mrs. Griffin's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Welch, and friends. They are here on a brief vacation following the close of the regular school year at the University of Nevada where Prof. Griffin is professor of speech. Both he and Mrs. Griffin are graduates of Oregon State college.

PROGRAM PLANNED Gates—William Thomas, superintendent of the Gates Union Sunday school, is arranging a special program for Memorial day to be given by the pupils of the Sunday school. Gates—Among the business and social visitors in Salem during the week were Mrs. Paul Ratzburg, Marie Ratzburg, Maxine Doyle, Joseph Bowes and Mrs. Blanche Dean.

Life's Little Tragedies



News Behind The News

Washington, May 18—The best possible insight into President Roosevelt's way of doing business was furnished by his relief announcement.

While Prof. Tugwell was howling to congress that he would go out of business July 1 unless he got more money, while Mr. Ickes was still planting data with congressmen to promote the earmarking of relief money for his PWA; while Mr. Hopkins was undermining both of them and running off with the relief swag;

Mr. Roosevelt flicked the ash from his cigarette and announced there was nothing in all this talk about Messrs. Hopkins, Ickes and Tugwell and their scramble for the relief doughbag. Nothing new in the situation at all. It was very simple. Tugwell is going to carry on just as he has been, with money from Hopkins. Ickes is going to continue his PWA with money from the RFC revolving fund.

Detection—You could tell from the president's patient tone of voice that it pained him inwardly to have to point out old stuff like this. Reporters dashed from the room, sent off bulletins announcing in effect that Mr. Roosevelt's reformation-of-the-new-deal-from-within had been completed. Ickes and Tugwell were having their wings clipped. Hopkins was going to handle the swag.

Newsmen can detect the real news behind a pained tone when they hear it. Residue—What everyone knew was that Prof. Tugwell is not going to be able to restyle the world on what he gets from Mr. Hopkins. Nor is Mr. Ickes going to be able to announce that PWA has furnished trillions of man-minutes of labor on the refunds he receives from the RFC revolving fund.

Both boys are through as world remakers, for the duration of the campaign at least. Their jobs will be sideline "samples." They will not handle the real goods. But they will handle enough to keep themselves and their friends comfortably quiet. Exactly how much money they will get, nobody knows. They have an indeterminate amount of unexpended balances. Mr. Ickes would build municipal sewers and things like that, but no more Boulder dams. Mr. Tugwell will be able to play around with things he has started, but will start no new things.

In other words, an existing condition was accepted as a practical political compromise. Relative Success—The secret of Mr. Hopkins' favor with Mr. Roosevelt is that he has done everything he was told to do. He had made as many mistakes as the other officials. Criticism has constantly thundered about his head. But when he was told to spend a certain amount of money, he did it. When he was told to put a certain number of men to work, he was able to produce figures indicating that he did it.

No other new deal lieutenant has been able to show the boss a similar record. Weather Note—Some of the inside personal tiffs within Mr. Roosevelt's unhappy official family are becoming slightly rough. One official, for instance, has been devoting himself to digging up highly personal data concerning the business past of another official. He has gone to a couple of republican congressmen in an effort to

PHOTO OF "HIGH FIVE" CLUB OF 40 YEARS AGO STIRS MEMORIES



By E. B. FLETCHER

At a recent gathering in Salem a photo of twenty-six young women, taken nearly forty years ago, was brought out, and became the source of much conversation and many interesting recollections.

This photo was taken September 8, 1898. The place was in front of Warner Breymann's residence, then located at Court and Church streets. The building has since been moved to 825 North Summer street.

The "High Five" club was made up of many prominent young women of the town. They had their meetings twice a month at the homes of the different members, and a number of pictures were taken by different artists.

As this group picture was passed around, there was much comment, particularly among the younger set. It was generally agreed that Salem had a young woman's club noted for good looks, pretty dresses, fascinating styles, and becoming ways of

persuading them to shoulder the material publicly but they have declined. Now, when republican congressmen decline to touch material against any new deal official, it is a fairly good sign that there is something wrong with the material. What most officials here need most right now is a vacation in a refrigerator.

Smuggling Diplomacy—The movement of more Japanese troops into north China is not considered as important as a less obvious movement, therabouts. The American and British trade markets in north China are being undermined by goods smuggled in from Japan's Manchukuo and the free port of Dairen. The purpose of the smuggling is to escape Chinese customs duties and thus undersell American and British goods which pay the customs duties. The rate at which smuggling has lately been increasing leads authorities here to estimate that it may soon cost the Chinese government \$50,000,000 a year in revenue. Thus it may pinch their ability to pay the interest on British and American loans as well as British and American trade with China.

It is a new kind of economic warfare and our diplomats do not seem to know what to do about it. China says she cannot stop it. Japan says it is up to China to enforce her customs regulations.

Caution—The new deal diplomats did not care to press the senate to ratify the naval treaty at this session unless ratification was certain. So they sent the treaty to the senate informally and it was quietly passed around by Chairman Pittman of the senate foreign relations committee. He invited senators to take a look and see what a good treaty it was, so that the president could decide whether to submit it officially.

CONCERT INTERESTS POLK MUSIC LOVERS

Monmouth—A musical event scheduled for Thursday evening, May 21, in the Christian church, drawing the interest of Monmouth and Independence musical contingent, is the concert by the Lonia chorus.

Featured on the program as guest soloist is Mr. Ronald Craven of Salem, well known for his splendid musical ability. The Monmouth Civic club is sponsoring the event and a small admission charge will be asked.

The chorus, composed of Monmouth and Independence women, has been organized for two years under the able direction of Miss Blanche Cohen and the concert will be as real treat to music lovers.

Contract is Played

Hubbard—Mrs. E. Chausee was honored with luncheon by her contract bridge club at the country home of Mrs. Hugh Wells Thursday noon prior to the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Chausee to Portland. The club presented a gift to Mrs. Chausee. Members present were Mrs. Chausee, Mrs. Mose Garren, Miss Frances Weaver, Miss Ruby Crittenden, Miss Lenore Scholl, Mrs. Charles Fiddes, Mrs. George Grimps.

Silverton—Mrs. Connie Hannan and daughter, Joan, have returned to Westport from a several days' visit at the home of her husband's mother, Mrs. N. C. Hannan, and other Silverton relatives.

RESULTS OF PRIMARIES

Portland, Ore., May 18 (P)—The 7 a. m., Associated Press tabulation showed:

Table with columns for REPUBLICAN U. S. SENATORS, DEMOCRATIC U. S. SENATOR, REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN, REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL, DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL, REPUBLICAN STATE TREASURER, DEMOCRATIC STATE TREASURER, NON-PARTISAN SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL FIRST DISTRICT, DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL FIRST DISTRICT, REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL SECOND DISTRICT, DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL SECOND DISTRICT, REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL THIRD DISTRICT, DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL THIRD DISTRICT, REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN.

MINOR AUTO CRASHES OVER THE WEEK-END

Motor vehicle accidents reported to the police and the sheriff over the week-end were: Donald Rutherford, 2104 Broadway, and Earl H. Prunk, Aumsville, on Penitentiary road near Dreamland rink. L. E. McClelland, 966 Cascade drive, and Charles F. Davies, Turner, on State between 12th and 13th. Frank Alchison, West Salem, and J. G. Greenlee, Turner, in 300 block on Court. H. G. Spiller, Portland, and Doris P. Gates, Scappoose, at Church and State. Berlen Atkins, 262 North Church, and George Moffitt, Signal Gas company, at Front and Hickory. Peter Loewen, 570 Statesman, riding a bicycle, and Fred E. Miner, 585 South 12th, at Commercial and Ferry. Loewen receiving a leg injury. Frank J. Herah-felt, State hospital, and R. Allpin Dallas, at Commercial and Ferry. Lanthia L. Milam, 433 1/2 Ferry, and Claud A. Bailey, Brooks, at Ferry and Liberty. P. R. Coulson, 2192 North Commercial, and Mrs. C. C. Crowe, 135 Luther, on North Commercial. Donald F. Schiver, Portland, and J. A. Dickey, Monmouth, at Commercial and Marion.

THE KEYNOTE!



STOCK SHARES TURNED OVER

Subscribers to stock in the Mt. Angel flax retting and scutching plant are receiving their shares. Fred J. Schwab of Mt. Angel being in the city Saturday for this purpose. It is expected that everything will be in readiness by August when the first straw is received, but subscribers must cooperate to bring this about. Schwab declared. The time is short and everything possible is being done to expedite matters.

Wicks in Hospital From Auto Crash

Dallas, Ore., May 18—Glen Wicks was still in the hospital Monday morning as a result of injuries received about 9 o'clock Saturday night when his automobile crashed into a truck parked on the Falls City highway about three miles beyond the schoolhouse. Wicks, who received cuts and bruises, is not in a serious condition but his car was badly damaged. The truck, owned by W. K. Richardson of Falls City, was left on the highway without lights, he declared.

SUSTAINED YIELD FORESTRY'S GOAL

Sustained yield is the goal of the Oregon forestry department, J. W. Ferguson, state forester, reported to Governor Martin today after tracing the history of forest protection in the state the past 25 years. The report made today marks the 25th anniversary of the state forestry department, and during the quarter century Ferguson stated Oregon has led the nation with some of the "finest forestry legislation." Examples cited were the forest patrol law, reforestation law, provisions for snag falling, closures of forest areas during the hazardous seasons and the operators' permit law.

That "TIRED FEELING"

Are you too often and too easily tired? Lacking in energy? Perhaps you're about decided that "there must be something wrong." Undoubtedly there is. But it may well be that you need no drugs. Go to your Doctor without delay. Very likely he may prescribe food—not medicine. It's amazing what can be accomplished these days with vitamins, minerals and other concentrates that your Doctor will know how best to prescribe. When you have his prescription, we'll appreciate the opportunity to fill it. We carry a complete line of the newer food concentrates.

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