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Actions You Regret



SIPS FOR SUPPER

If You Don't Know

BY DON UPJOHN

Quite a to-do is being made over the alleged fact that some meat company in Portland has hamburger meat and in various restaurants customers who thought they were getting hamburger meat and in various restaurants customers who thought they were getting hamburger meat...



Don Upjohn

English Humor
London, June 24 (P)—What kind of a joke gives a preacher a real belly laugh? This one made clergymen, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, guffaw for three full minutes today after it was told to the annual Church of England assembly of clergymen and laymen: A woman bought a drinking bowl for her dog. The clerk asked if she wanted the word "dog" painted on it. "No thanks," said the woman. "My husband doesn't drink water and the dog can't drink."

Teacher Loyalty
Vinita Howard, 563 Court street, recently graduated from the University of Oregon and at her graduation she had a real admirer. Vinita went to grade school back in Elsie, Neb., and was a top flight student. She did so well in fact that her teacher, Mrs. Lucretia Hopper, asked if she could be present when Vinita graduated from college. And Mrs. Hopper kept her word, coming way out to Oregon to see her protegee graduate. A never-to-be-forgotten tribute.

Free Oil Unappreciated
Long Beach, Calif., (P)—Signal Hill's first gas blow in recent years may be good news to oil men, but owners of about 20 new automobiles say it's a sticky mess. A General Petroleum well hit a gas pocket at 10,000 feet yesterday and oil spewed over the countryside for 10 minutes. Police said several cars were spattered. It was the first sign of gas deposits in the Desoto sand level, and oil men took it as an indication there might be heavy-flowing oil beneath.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER
World a Graveyard to Chas. Knight

By HAL BOYLE

New York (P)—Tired of eating the same old things? Want a new flavor thrill? Then why not try some tasty marrow from a woolly mammoth aged for 10,000 years in nature's northern freezer? You'll never forget it.



Hal Boyle

Charles R. Knight has remembered the sensation for 25 years. He is an artist famous for his pioneering paintings of prehistoric life. "About a quarter of a century ago the American museum of Natural History got some bones and flesh from a woolly mammoth, trapped in the Alaskan ice perhaps 10,000 years before," he recalled. "We were curious as to what it would taste like, so we tried some of the marrow. It tasted exactly like rancid grease." Nobody asked for a second helping. Knight feels he was luckier than some Russian scientists who dined on the flesh of another woolly mammoth caught long ago in the Siberian deep freeze. "They got awful sick," he said. All the world's a graveyard to this 74-year-old artist, who perhaps as much as any one man has helped the past come alive. His large scale murals hang in a dozen well-known natural history museums across the country, and his work was collected by such nature lovers as the late J. P. Morgan, Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, and Historian Charles A. Beard. His fifth book, "Prehistoric Man," soon will be published. His 55-year study of the earth as it was in the days of the din-

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Sen. Morse Out to Stop Tyding's Steamroller Tactics

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Oregon's wrathful Republican Wayne Morse has served notice that he will block every bill Chairman Millard Tydings of Maryland tries to steamroller through the senate armed services committee.

Morse issued his warning privately after rowing with Tydings publicly over whether the navy should report to congress its disposal of surplus property.

This is now required by law, but Tydings wants to repeal the law and let the navy dispose of property without any public report.

Morse objected on the ground that congress should not give up its check on the military. But in committee Tydings overruled him. However, the Oregon senator is going to have the last laugh. For he can block most of Tydings' bills on the senate floor, and he has served notice that he will do so—whenever the chairman tries to jam legislation down the throats of committee members without a fair vote.



Drew Pearson

BOTH SIDES ON HOUSING
G.O.P. Representative Jesse Wolcott of Michigan, who leads the house fight against the public housing bill, would like to forget all about it, but he once strongly espoused what he now opposes. Back in August 1937, Congressman Wolcott was an outspoken champion of the Wagner-Steagall housing act, which also provided for slum clearance and low-cost public housing—the same program which the Michigan republican now calls "socialistic."

During the 1937 debate Wolcott declared: "I believe that the need for decent, respectable and sanitary housing for the underprivileged has been proved beyond the preadventure of a doubt." In fact, Wolcott was so concerned about the need for adequate public housing and slum clearance in 1937 that he urged colleagues who were opposed to the bill to go home and "read the Bible" before casting their votes.

LIFTING LITTLE CURTAIN
Debated backstage during the closing days of the Paris conference was a point which may revolutionize U.S. policy toward iron curtain countries. It was: Should the U.S.A. create a "Little Marshall Plan" for the satellite countries? Two schools of thought exist among American diplomats. Both agree that Europe badly needs East-West trade that the German Ruhr must have markets in Bulgaria, Hungary, Roumania and other satellite countries.

However, one diplomatic school opposes economic aid to any iron curtain country. Such aid, they argued, is only an indirect way of helping Russia. The other school argues that aid to Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, etc., would win over the people of these countries—already resentful of Soviet rule. This group is prepared to take the calculated risk of helping Russia in order to persuade the satellites to break away from Russia.

PERLE PARTIES
Mrs. Perle Mesta, ex-republican oil heiress from Oklahoma whose loyalty to Harry Truman has made her U.S. minister to Luxembourg, threw a party for Defense Secretary Louis Johnson the other day. But the guest list looked as if Mrs. Mesta was specializing on Pan American Airways. It included Sam Pryor, G.O.P. national committeeman for Connecticut and vice president of Pan American; Ben Sonnenberg, astute public relations counsel for Pan Am, and Senator Brewster of Maine, considered Pan Am's best senatorial friend. Louie Johnson, himself, of course, used to be counsel for Pan American, which has received more favors from Uncle Sam than any other airline in history.

After the party was over one guest said it reminded him of the late Louis Wiley's remark after being kissed and decorated by Marshal Foch. "It wasn't the most thrilling kiss I ever had," said the late business manager of the New York Times, "but I guess it was the most important."

MERRY-GO-ROUND
Most of the Pennsylvania democrats in congress are plan-

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



Send your "Odds" questions on any subject to "The Wizard of Odds," care of the Capital Journal, Salem, Oregon.

OPEN FORUM

Mutual Interests of Farm, Labor

To the Editor: Your June 18 editorial entitled "Grange Leaders Inaugurate a Purge" contained the following: "One of (State Grange Master) Tompkins' fixed illusions is that the interest of industrial workers and farmers are the same whereas their interests conflict, and he seeks a common front politically." This statement, confined to some economic conflict, is true, but which overlooks the wide area of agreement within which the two groups work shoulder to shoulder, often effecting their accomplishments through the process of the initiative. In 1947 I headed the State Anti-Sales Tax committee, sponsored by the state organizations of the AF of L, CIO, Grange and Farmers Union—all working together successfully and in close harmony.

HOSPITAL FUND DRIVE

Present Salem General Hospital Building Set for Future Use

QUESTION: If you construct a new building with capacity of 200 beds what will become of the present Salem General hospital building? ANSWER: The present building is of A grade construction material, fire - proofed, and should stand for centuries. It is not large enough nor adapted to proper segregation of patients or for time-saving service so necessary in a general hospital serving acutely ill patients. The building is quite usable for special types of patients and can be arranged for that purpose.



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Rail Meeting Was Not Discouraging

Southern Pacific officials did meet with city planners Tuesday night to discuss the railroad track barriers around Salem's central area. The "Friendly Railroad" did offer only little encouragement toward helping to lift the track barrier.

But the point not to be dismissed with a discouraging shrug was that two high rail officials did come to discuss the matter with the local parties. The railroad admitted, in effect, that the problem of tracks blocking free traffic flow could exist and the company would listen to the city's ideas on what to do about it, and promised preliminary co-operation on solution.

Since both parties are in agreement on the presence of the problem, there remains hope that some kind of a workable solution can be reached. The railroad admitted it had no money to spend on any line relocation, for every city it serves is making similar demands. The city, for that matter, hasn't any money to make a real impression on the problem, either. But that doesn't mean that a solution can't be figured between the railroad and the city. Nor does it mean that, with a mutually agreed upon plan, moneys cannot be put aside for the specific plan in mind to "remove" the train barriers on the downtown streets.

Tuesday night's meeting was the first one that has taken up the particular problem with both sides represented. To have expected the Southern Pacific company to have agreed to a several million dollar shifting of the railroad tracks was to have expected the impossible. The company no more could have agreed to that at the time than could the city, which would have to get authorization for a bond issue from the people.

After all, no big plan, such as must be envisioned for this particular problem, can be worked out in one meeting. Salem knows that the Southern Pacific will consider, to a cautious extent, any reasonable solution. The railroad made it clear it would listen to a solution where the cost could be justified economically. In other words, the Southern Pacific wanted to avoid spending any money which couldn't be defended as a sound investment for the company. A legitimate return would have to be expected for stockholders.

That attitude on the part of the company was to have been expected. A sales program will be needed to sell the Southern Pacific on the advisability of whatever program is agreed to. In any event, the way is clear now for both the company and the city to throw suggestions into the discussion. The suggestions, for the greater part, will have come from the city. From continued meetings, however, some solution should be able to be found that could be made to be satisfactory to both.

Instead of being discouraging, the first meeting was actually heartening. The railroad agreed to have its engineers check on proposals the city will advance to lift the rail barrier. Salem can realize it is up to the city to present a feasible program to break out of the encircling girdle of steel.

Disgusting Politics Cloud Real Issue

So much confusion is being caused by the current hearings in Washington on the proposed Columbia Valley Administration that the point of the dispute is being lost.

Walter Pearson tried to tell the hearing that Doug McKay, the governor of the state, wasn't speaking for the state when McKay opposed a CVA for the region. But Pearson, state treasurer, informed the committee that he (for some unexplained reason) was speaking for the people in favoring a CVA.

It made no difference that previously one of the authors of the bill to create the valley administration had opposed holding elections in the Pacific Northwest to determine how the same people Pearson was talking about felt on the matter.

Nor did it seem to matter that the nation's governors meeting in Colorado rejected the principle of a CVA. Of course, the governors were elected by the people of the respective states, the same people Pearson claimed were ignored by such opposition to a valley authority.

In this political smear campaign that has arisen in the Washington hearings on a CVA, there is only one point that can be brought up: Would a CVA develop a region better than existing government agencies?

Ignored by CVA backers is the real fear of a regional government that was answerable only to Washington. Also ignored is the fact that representatives of the people in congress can get money for their own areas better than any super government. Also ignored is the probability of a series of regional agencies, such as the CVA, gradually taking over the various parts of the country itself. Also ignored is the fact that these CVAs can exist only by building huge bureaucratic regimes that become uncontrolled.

Regrettably, the politics of the controversy have tried to make the question of a CVA merely a choice between public power and private power. Those who, in good faith, oppose a CVA are criticized ridiculously as being in the grip of the power trust. That is just as ridiculous as saying that those who favor the CVA are lackeys of Mort Tompkins and his grange, who are ardent advocates of the regional agency.

The choice of a CVA still is what it was months ago: Can the Pacific Northwest handle the direction of its own development, with the help of existing federal departments? Or must the region admit the task is beyond the intelligence of its leaders and people, so, therefore, the "brains" of Washington must handle the helpless ones in the Pacific Northwest?

The Capital Journal is still of the opinion, despite the disgusting politics of the Washington hearing, that the people of the region have the brains and desire to develop the region themselves. Existing federal agencies will be called on as they are needed to help.

Anything Can Happen in L.A.

Los Angeles (P)—They say anything can happen here... Ten-year-old Harvey Bronstein sobbingly told police a man stepped up to him as he was playing, snatched off his glasses, stepped back a pace and asked "How many fingers am I holding up?"

"Two," answered Harvey, correctly. "You don't need glasses," the man retorted, ground Harvey's glasses under his heel and stalked away.