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Two Rising Republicans

Many men strive for political preferment, but few achieve very much of it. The sovereign people finally say the word that raises one's hopes and dashes another's. Every election primary or general increases the stature of some, shrinks that of others. Who were the principal beneficiaries of the Oregon primary Friday?

Two, as we study the now nearly complete returns, both presently dwelling in Salem. They are Governor Elmo Smith, a newcomer to the statewide ballot, and State Senator Mark Hatfield, nominated for secretary of state.

The governor's renomination was conceded when Congressman Walter Norblad withdrew his gubernatorial candidacy after he had filed and no other leading Republican filed against him. An Albany merchant, unknown outside his own county, did file. However the governor acted as if he had major opposition, probably looking ahead to the fall campaign, and visited most of the communities of the state, making a uniformly good personal impression as he did in handling the duties of his office.

Smith's vote surprised everyone. He won over his opponent 10 to one, which is remarkable. More remarkable was the fact that he received almost as many votes as President Eisenhower, his party's No. 1 ballot box performer, when Smith had opposition and Eisenhower didn't. Furthermore he led the field for convention delegate at large. He demonstrated the hold on the voters that wins elections.

Mark Hatfield won nomination by about 50,000 majority and he received more than twice as many votes for convention delegate from the first congressional district as the No. 2 man who on the incomplete count was Robert Elfstrom of Salem. William W. Chadwick, also of Salem, was close to Elfstrom and could overtake him.

Both of these men are newcomers to the statewide political spotlight and both are young enough to stay in it for a good many years. The primary election gave each a boost not rivaled by anyone else on those long ballots in either party.

Two other Republicans gained increased stature in their party, Phil Hitchcock for his clean campaign and his splendid vote, which mark him as a man to be watched, who will win nominations for major offices if he continues to seek them and Robert T. Mautz, who was elected Republican national committeeman in his first bid for elective office.

For the Democrats, Girard Davidson probably improved his position the most in winning his party's national committeeman post. Robert D. Holmes became a statewide figure for the first time in winning the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, but he will be a long time overcoming the fact that he barely beat a man who wasn't running. Jason Lee of Salem moved up a big notch in winning a congressional nomination.

Rubber Air Springs for Autos

From Akron, Ohio, the rubber capital, comes reports that major tire companies are planning many new uses for rubber. These include a smoother than ever auto ride on rubber springs by 1958 models, filled with compressed air, rubber fuel lines, rubber gas tanks, moving rubber sidewalks, rubberized roads, rubber raised crossings as well as rubber rolling tankers and rubber airplanes, carried in car truck and inflated with a tire pump.

The Wall Street Journal says that many new products are being designed by sales and research centers of the industry to keep rubber company sales climbing, as the list of products lengthens, the major rubber companies are leaning less on tire sales, though tires will remain the No. 1 product. The Journal adds:

"Take auto uses of rubber. A cutback in Detroit cuts over-all rubber consumption, but the amount used per car has kept on climbing. Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. engineers recently stripped a 1956 Dodge and counted 550 parts requiring 100 pounds of rubber—not including 65 pounds in the tires. Non-tire rubber use in autos has gone up steadily and now is three times what it was 20 years ago, a Goodyear engineer estimates.

Major non-tire rubber products include chemicals and plastics, close chemical cousins of rubber processing. Rubber companies, like other big chemical concerns, have developed plastic films and sheeting for such products as packaging materials, shower curtains and upholstery and industrial fabrics. In addition, their production of strictly rubber products has been swinging steadily to non-tire items.

The suspension rubber air spring is already in use in many buses and truck trailers. The "springs" use eight pounds of rubber to each auto and are being produced for busses. Some have been used on trailers since 1950.

Patents on air springs are over a century old but not until recently utilized, with a compressed air supply, small reservoir tanks and rubber bellows containers.

Air springs absorb the driving shocks without passing them on to the car body and keep the vehicle at the same height. Air is automatically metered into the rubber springs, through self-regulating valves. Operation is quiet, maintenance easy. Luxury cars will be the first to get them.—G. P.

Some Obstacles Still Stand

The Salem City Council and retiring City Manager J. F. Franzen did their utmost to clear the way and give a running start to the new city manager who will take office July 1, and clear his path of many obstacles in the first years of his administration. But the voters weren't as considerate, and in the Friday election turned down financial measures for airport improvement, park locations, library improvement and fire alarm system.

This means that Kent Matheson, the next city manager, will have plenty of head scratching to do for some years as he sets up the annual city budget and tries to make public money meet public demands. But no doubt he and future city councils will work out the hard way, just as has been done in the last 10 years.

In the light of rising costs of lands, building materials and nearly all other items, and the certain requirements of a growing community, the city administration's program was on the side of economy, and an affirmative vote on those measures would have been a vote for economy, notwithstanding some increase in taxes.

However, let's not gripe. The voters exercised their right, and should be commended for approving measures for the much needed water line, street widening and replacement of obsolete bridges. These are immediate needs and the people so recognized them.

A Smile or Two

Wall Street Journal
A man who had just bought a light plane was giving his wife her first ride.

"What I like about traveling this way," he said, "is that the strain is gone. There's a lot of room once you get away from the airports. You don't have to worry about rednecks, and there's no such thing as a traffic jam."

"Also," he continued, "I don't think I'll be troubled with backseat driving up here."
Peering through the windshield, his wife snapped, "Watch out for those birds."

ARRANGE THIS, PLEASE
Sherman County Journal
Farmers might get more government help if they could arrange to have an election every year.

NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG

Reds Benefit from Arms Cut As Allies Can't Cut Further

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, May 21.—The Western Powers' inability to accept Russia's proposed reduction of military personnel has had the effect which the Kremlin intended with its Machiavellian scheme. The allies cannot reduce their establishments for the simple reason that their total strength in conventional ground forces amounts to only a hollow shell.

The challenge has resulted in a ruthless and realistic reappraisal of the West's military potential on land as compared with the Communists' might. While the Pentagon and congress squabble over details of our national defense program, this survey discloses that we are far behind the Communists that there is no comparison. As a result, and the Russian offer has helped to emphasize the point, the West's principal reliance in any World War must be tactical nuclear weapons—atomic and hydrogen bombs, shells, rockets and guided missiles. They will have to make up for our weakness on the ground, for our woeful lack of trained manpower.

It is a prospect which gives "veers to the peoples and the ruling class of Britain, France, Germany, Italy, etc., inasmuch as they would be under retaliatory atomic fire.

Russia's Armed Strength
Russia is estimated to have at least 4,000,000 men under arms now. Her proposed cut of 1,200,000 with the recent reduction of 640,000 soldiers, would leave her with slightly more than 2,000,000. Our total will soon be down to about 2,000,000.

Communist China, however, has an army and trained reserve of about 4,000,000. The satellites can mobilize at least another 2,000,000. On the highly questionable ground that China and the puppet countries are independent states, Moscow pretends that she cannot influence their military policies by forcing them to curtail.

Reds' Military Advantages
In addition to this numerical superiority, there are other equally disturbing discrepancies. As against the short-term training of

Western recruits (usually only 18 months), the Communist troops are hardened veterans. They need no protracted physical shape-up, for their thin living at home makes them adaptable to the rigors of field and barracks hardships.

Moreover, these 10,000,000 soldiers would fight on or attack from favorable interior lines—that is, from the Eurasian heartland. Their units could be shifted with relative ease from one front to another. Their industrial centers would be open only to onslaught from the air. They enjoy geographical unity and solidity. These are great military advantages.

Deceptive Figures
In their public statements, Allied military men boast that the democracies possess an over-all force of about 200 divisions, or between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 men. But a factual breakdown reveals that these figures are extremely deceptive. They are more nominal than real. They present an imposing but a flimsy military facade.

General Alfred E. Gruenther, for instance, has only about 10 full divisions in his NATO command, mostly American and British. French troops may be pinned down in North Africa for years. German rearmament is at least three years distant. The Japanese may not demilitarize at all.

West Forces Scattered
The balance of the West's forces are scattered all across the world, and the reliability of many units is dubious. They could not leave their homelands defenseless for a mobilization in Europe, the Middle East or the Far East. In atomic war, no land would be a sanctuary.

Even if they could respond to an overseas emergency, it would be a ragtag-battal, multilingual and disunited collection drawn from Korea, Turkey, Greece, the British Commonwealth, the Philippines and other faraway places.

This analysis explains why the United States cannot agree to Russia's proposal, despite the adverse psychological effect refusal may have on allies and neutrals.

Stevenson's Popularity Goes Up to 41 Pct.; Kefauver Off

By GEORGE GALLUP

PRINCETON, N. J., May 19.—The recent downward trend of Adlai Stevenson's popularity has come to a halt and, in fact, has been reversed in the latest institute test of candidate strength among Democratic voters.

One month ago, the former Illinois governor was the Number One favorite of 39 per cent of Democrats, compared to 33 per cent who favored Sen. Estes Kefauver—a margin of only 6 percentage points.

Today, that margin has widened, with Stevenson's popularity climbing to 41 per cent, while Kefauver has dropped back to 29 per cent.

However, Stevenson has some distance to go before he reaches his pre-Minnesota primary popularity.

Kefauver partisans can take comfort in the fact that the senator has widened his earlier lead over Stevenson among independent voters and today runs ahead of Stevenson by a margin of 3-to-2.

Gov. Averell Harriman, who this week became an active candidate for the Democratic nomination, runs third among Democratic voters today with 8 per cent.

Interviewing in the survey was completed just prior to Harriman's open bid for Western state support at Cody, Wyo. What effect his announcement will have on Democratic candidate standings will be measured in future institute surveys.

All voters classified themselves as Democrats were handed a list of men who have been mentioned as possible Democratic presidential candidates, and asked:

"Which one would you like to see nominated as the Democratic candidate for President?"

The trend of the vote among Democrats since March of this year:

DEMOCRATIC VOTERS ONLY	TO	APR. MAR.	DAY	1956	1956
Adlai Stevenson	29%	39%	31%	41%	33%
Estes Kefauver	39%	29%	18%	29%	41%
Averell Harriman	6	6	8	8	8
Lyndon Johnson	4	3	2	3	2
Frank J. Lausche	3	2	2	2	2
Richard B. Russell	3	4	4	4	4
Stuart Symington	2	2	1	2	1
Others	no preference	12	11	14	11
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Under "others" were included Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas, Gov. C. Meeman Williams of Michigan, Sen. Earl Douglas of Illinois, Sen. Harry P. Byrd of Virginia and Gov. Albert B. Chandler of Kentucky.

Kefauver took the lead over Stevenson among independent voters for the first time in the April survey. The extent of the Tennessee senator's advantage among independents today is shown in the following table:

INDEPENDENT VOTERS ONLY	TO	APR. MAR.	DAY	1956	1956
Kefauver	33%	29%	23%	29%	33%
Stevenson	29	39	34	29	29
Lausche	9	10	7	9	7
Harriman	5	6	6	6	6
Douglas	4	3	4	4	4
Symington	3	3	3	3	3
Rayburn	3	3	2	3	2
Byrd	3	1	2	3	1
Johnson	3	1	2	3	1
Williams	3	4	4	3	4
Others	no preference	11	18	9	11
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

The Great Demobilization



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER Mountaineer the Original U.S. Practitioner of 'Do It Yourself'

By HAL BOYLE

HAWK, N.C.—The mountaineer is America's original do-it-yourself man.

He had to be, if he couldn't do a thing for himself, there was no one else to do it for him. The tradition that he can do anything he sets his mind to—all alone and by himself—is still bone-deep in the southern highlander, whose greatest pride is his rugged independence.

Such a man is Roby M. Buchanan, the self-taught Tiffany of the hills. All alone and by himself he became the greatest jewel craftsman of the Blue Ridge Mountains. His gems are prized by collectors from New York to India.

During the summer about 1,000 visitors a month come to his rude tin paper workshop shack—it's "20 miles up a dead-end road"—to watch Roby cut and polish the gem rocks he bulldozes himself out of the hills.

It is a matter of complete indifference to Roby whether they buy or not.

"I just like to have 'em come here and sit and talk while I work," said he. Roby has no trouble marketing the 500 to 600 rings, bracelets, pins and brooches he makes each year, all done by hand. He isn't interested in large-scale production.

"I'm not trying to run Tiffany or any body else out of business," he said. "What I do is different from what they do."

Roby, whose keen blue eyes at 51 mismatch the faded blue of his overalls, fell in love as a boy with "the pretty rocks." He found, there are about 30 varieties of stones and minerals in the mountains here.

He read every book he could find on the subject. He experimented with crude tools, homemade techniques. Now, after more than 30 stubborn years, he is recognized as a master lapidary.

He was paid \$20 for the first gem he succeeded in cutting. Today he gets up to \$2,300 for a brooch. Sometimes, when he turns out a fine stone that catches his own eye, he refuses to sell it at any price.

"I kinda like to keep it around lots closer to enemy territory, than the Air Force bases scattered around the perimeter of Russia. This fight is just beginning."

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and look at it," he explained. He has built up a personal collection (that would make the eyes of a Texas multimillionaire's wife glow) in emerald envy.

Roby lives simply in a neat white cottage in the nearby hills, and money doesn't ride his mind. Two signs in his small workshop by a bubbling creek tell his philosophy.

One sign says, "We lick rocks, we buy rocks, we sell rocks, but we don't throw rocks."

The other sign is a quotation: "He who works with his hands is a laborer. He who works with his hands and his head, is an artisan. But he who works with his hands, his head, and his heart—is an artist."

Few would deny that Roby Buchanan, mountaineer, is an artist.

Salem 47 Yrs. Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

May 21, 1909

Salem's mountain water committee, consisting of members of the council had visited the Upper Breitenbush and Gold Creek mines seeking a potential source of water supply for the city. There they found these sources so badly contaminated with copper solutions from the mines as to make them unfit for municipal usage.

A Capital Journal editorial had declared: "the people want a governor who is not afraid to take a legislature by the nape of the neck and shake it out of its boots."

Marion county court had granted a liquor license to James Sears of Gates to conduct a saloon in that town for a period of three months.

Cottage Undertaking parlors, 293 North Cottage street, had advertised a complete funeral including casket, burial robe, use of hearse and embalming for \$35.

Columbia Iron & Wire Fence works of Portland had contracted for building a fine wire fence in front of Oddfellows cemetery and around the property of J. A. Carson on South 17th street.

Striking students at Silverton high school had returned to classes when County School Superintendent Smith of Clatsop High Superintendent principal, W. L. Ray and ruled

OPEN FORUM

Non-Lawyer Could Be a Justice, Sandblast Says

To The Editor:

This is my answer to Walter W. Foster, George A. Rhoden and Philip Hayter who wrote a letter published in your issue May 15. They contend that Governor Elmo Smith cannot appoint from other than the ranks of lawyers to the Supreme Court of Oregon. They are in error, and here are some legal reasons:

1. There is not a word in our state constitution that requires a justice of the Supreme Court to be a lawyer.

2. In New Jersey all of the members of the highest court have been non-lawyers (prior to 1947).

3. Section 2020 ORS definitely is unconstitutional if it prohibits the governor of Oregon to appoint from other ranks than lawyers, and this is based on the simple fact that the constitution must be amended before such an act could possibly be constitutional.

My reason for believing it would give good balance to the Supreme Court to have some appointments made from other ranks than lawyers is that it would tend to give us "common-sense justice"—less tendency to exercise trial jurisdiction. No provision is made in the constitution requiring members of the legislature to be lawyers, or that United States senators, governors, representatives or any other official must be lawyers.

The only error made in my statement in the Voters Pamphlet was omission of time the New Jersey constitution was amended, which I looked up but too late to change the statement therein.

As our constitution reads today, any person is qualified to seek election as a member of the Supreme Court of Oregon if he has the qualifications I set forth in my statement in the Voters Pamphlet.

L. B. SANDBLAST, 912 Loyalty Bldg., Portland.

(Editor's Note—This letter arrived after election day but before the results were known.)

Glad to Find Others Who Don't Like Morse

To The Editor:

Thank you for your Saturday editorial's few words of recognition to the few Democrats left in Oregon. I was beginning to fear I was the only one left so I take great hope from your 80,000 estimate.

It has been with deep regret that I have watched the leadership and a great majority of my party members take all of Norman Thomas' platform, plank by plank, but at the same time decline to register as Socialists.

You are right about Morse—a lot of us don't like him. However, we have one advantage over the Republicans; we get to vote against Morse twice this year. Does that answer your question as to how we will vote this fall?

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