

The Old Timer's Report...

Widely Recognized for accuracy is the New York Times, factual information is the basis for all news. The Times reports students representing thirteen Eastern colleges, held a mock political convention at Troy, N. Y. Harold Stassen was nominated for president with 771 votes, Eisenhower 316, Gov. Dewey 5, Sen. Vandenberg 2. The convention was held almost on Gov. Dewey's doorstep. In Wisconsin Dewey's delegates reported political expenditures totaling \$47,650, and the voters did not give him a single delegate. Mr. Stassen won 19 delegates, the remainder going to delegates pledged to Gen. MacArthur, a native son. So with Wisconsin and Nebraska safely lined up for Mr. Stassen, it is little wonder Gov. Dewey is making a hard hitting last stand for Oregon delegates.

FOLLOWING THE LAW precisely County Clerk Oddy ordered ballots for the May primary, in amounts fixed by the state election laws. No sooner had the ballots been printed and delivered, registration of new voters in each precinct was found to exceed all anticipation. This forced Mr. Oddy to place an order with the Coos Bay Harbor for additional ballots. What does all this mean? Of greatest import is an awakening to the necessity of voting. Heretofore the Oregon primary has not shown this indication, and now that everyone wants to vote, a revival of interest in affairs of the state and nation is unmistakably apparent.

What man or party is the lodestone to awaken this lethargy? Registrars interviewed declare at no time were voters questioned as to their preference for a presidential candidate. Such a procedure would be in violation of the law. However, time and time again voters openly declared their interest was motivated by a sincere desire to vote for Harold E. Stassen for president. No other candidate or cause was but seldom mentioned. This would indicate Coos county's republican vote will be cast in favor of the popular, straightforward and conscientious candidate from Minnesota, whose strength is growing with leaps and bounds.

OREGON'S KNOX LAW will be subjected to a test if plans now under way are consummated; the test will be an attempt to return to the open saloon. An initiative petition has been filed with the state department to permit the sale of liquor by the drink. This is sponsored by the Oregon Hotel association and the State Federation of Labor. If sufficient signatures are obtained the measure will go on the November ballot. And that makes it certain the bill will be on the ballot. Most people like to sign petitions, so what. Terms of the bill are that liquor may be sold only by places which serve meals, but also in any or all rooms of such an establishment. License fee will be \$500 for a year and liquor sold much be purchased from the state liquor commission. The Oregon law is recognized quite generally as a near-perfect law, tampering with its provisions is dynamite. A few stunts such as is proposed might convince the people state-wide prohibition would be better.

ONLY ONE VOTER took part in the school election in the Clifton-Bradford district, Clatsop county. The lone voter indorsed the budget and also voted for the \$133,000 excess of the six per cent limitation. All voters were duly notified as prescribed by law.

GROWERS SHOULD find satisfaction in the new high price paid for lambs in eastern Oregon. Leo Hahn has just contracted to sell 3800 lambs at \$25 a hundred pounds, which is a record for that area. The demand should require buyers to post this new high rate for lambs grown in Coos and Curry counties.

SOME DO THINGS just to crash the press; take for instance Dr. L. C. Moss of Ft. Collins, Colorado, is out with the statement dogs become mentally ill from



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associating with people. And Dr. Moss was quite successful, for we found the reference in a number of newspapers, including this column. The lives of pets, particularly pet dogs, are influenced by environment directly traceable to people. Dog gone it, believe it or not, that's what the man said. A dog's life has much foundation in fact.

THAT FEDERALLY BUILT alcohol-from-wood plant at Springfield cost over three million dollars and when completed was dropped like a hot potato. It is either a failure or the federal government has been taken for a ride. A special spread in the Sunday Journal recently would have you believe the plant can be bought from the War Assets association for 500,000 and the buyer, no matter how dumb will stand to make a profit of a "cool million and a half dollars" within a year. That's what the man said. Fifteen Willamette valley lumbermen invested a half million and lost all in an attempt to prove out the process. But they are not complaining. George F. Cornwall, editor of the Timberman, says: "It would be nothing short of an industrial tragedy if the plant is abandoned or diverted to another use." Nearly everyone is convinced the process is sound, experimenting has paved the way, the plant should have been put into operation by the government, by the department that built it. References about huge profits do not convince the skeptical. If the government refuses to operate, sell the plant to anyone who will take up where the government left off. And here's hoping the buyer can make a fair return on his investment.

EVERYONE IS PLEASED to note the success a friend is making in his chosen work. Marion E. Carl, marine speed ace, has won a most deserving promotion. He is now a lieutenant colonel. Carl is a nephew of John D. Carl, prominent rancher of Arago. He resides at Hubbard, Oregon.

WHILE DISCUSSING state road problems before the state highway commission, Commissioner Chandler informs us the four-lane highway between North Bend and Coos Bay will be fully completed during the summer. The commission has the promise of the contractor the work will be completed on or before September -5. Mr. Chandler also stated the commission plans eliminating some of the curves in the highway north of the bay if possible. The water level route east from Portland will also be constructed in due time. This project calls for 72 miles of new road and is roughly estimated to cost \$22,000,000.

IMPROVED STREET LIGHTING is to be adopted at Coquille, 84 mercury vapor lamps are to replace the present equipment. These new lamps give out four times the light of the lamps now in use. The project will cost the Mountain States Power Co. around \$40,000. Under the plan proposed a ten-year contract at a slightly increased rate will be required. This

will take care of the investment and at the same time give Coquille a strictly modern street lighting system. Possibly North Bend city fathers will be interested in a similar proposition.

Mainly About People

Business Visitors to Newport — Mr. and Mrs. Chet Murray of Coquille accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Murray of Coos Bay were Sunday business visitors to Newport.

Has Ten Day Leave — Sam Miller has returned to Boot Camp at San Diego after spending a ten-day leave at his home here.

Mrs. Buckles Returns — Mrs. Dick Buckles returned after visiting for several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix at Powell Butte.

In Grants Pass On Saturday — Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCuskey and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pritchard were Saturday visitors to Grants Pass. They visited at the home of Mrs. Pritchard's sister, Mrs. Ruth Powell.

Return From Honeymoon Trip — Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Sorg have returned from a honeymoon trip which took them to a number of Californian cities. They report beautiful, sunny weather during the entire trip.

To Attend Mother's Day Celebration — Mrs. Blanche Shepherd will spend the week-end in Corvallis, the guest of her son, Bennie Howe, at Alpha Lambda Chi house at Oregon State college.

Home For Week-End — Ben Barton, who attends the University of Oregon, spent the week-end visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barton, Sr.

On Business Trip — Stanley Fitzgerald has returned after spending several days in the Grants Pass district looking over his mining interests.

Visiting In California — Friends here have received word from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lamb that they are having "a grand time in sunny California." They are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slagle in North Hollywood. Another Coos county resident they have seen is Claude Moon, a former jeweler of Myrtle Point.

Visit Coquille Friends — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spencer, who were en route from Minneapolis to the west coast, visited in Coquille Saturday at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. George Ulett and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Throckmorton. Mr. Spencer worked formerly for Smith-Wood-Products company in Coquille. A graduate of the University of Oregon Forestry School, he hopes to remain on the coast in forest preservation work.

Visitors to the Rogue — Mr. and Mrs. Loren Simmons were among visitors to the Rogue river on Sunday.

Ill At Home — Mrs. Earl Duncan is ill and unable to be at work at Slater's Variety store.

Sunday In Myrtle Point — Mrs. Zella Hall spent Sunday visiting with her sister in Myrtle Point.

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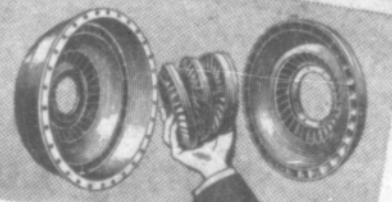
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