

THE OLD TIMER'S REPORT

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THE GREATEST BATTLE is among political parties is shaping and will be watched with interest by all throughout the nation. If by chance sufficient interest becomes aroused to permit the choices to be made by majorities instead of the usual minority method that much can then be said to the credit of those responsible.

The near one hundred per cent vote in the selection of a president was when McKinley defeated Bryan in 1896. Historians who have checked the record claim 80 per cent of all eligible voters went to the polls in that great campaign. You will recall the battle was fought out between the republicans and democrats only, there being no other ticket in the field.

This year voters in most states may select from a ticket nominated by the republicans, democrats, progressives and Socialists. In addition in some of the southern states bolting democrats have formed the Dixieite party, and have candidates for the two major offices, and in some instances for state offices. Never before have the issues of the day been as many nor as confusing, which may be the lode stone that will lead the voters to the polls. If that be true, then all praise to numerous parties and issues.

With the grind and dissention of the special session of Congress over, members seeking re-election or those who have political obligations to take care of, will have left the capital in the passing of the night and will be busy until election day taking care of political fences. A majority of the GOP members will have been aroused to fever heat because the President called them into special session and also for his attitude of "pouring it on" the rank and file of Congress branding the members as the most useless Congress since its inception. And some of the Democrats will not feel much differently, and many run far astray. In return the GOP will be imbued with the idea it will be their bounden duty to call out the herd and ride rough shod over everything the democrats propose and elect a republican president and vice president as well as filling congressional vacancies.

But all this will not be too easy for there is no use trying to laugh off the power and influence of the democratic party. The President is by great odds well fortified with a vast army of supporters in every state, county and city, and these supporters are in the main office holders who will be quite unwilling to relinquish their jobs to anyone much less to a Republican.

Observers and commentators freely predict the battle this time will make political history. It may bring out a record vote, and surely those chosen to any office will be placed there by the unquestioned majorities of the people. Republic-

cans as a whole and in many states will admit the party never before had a grander opportunity. They will have the satisfaction of knowing the newly added parties will nick the Democrat party to a much greater extent than the Republican party. The third party or Progressive headed by Mr. Wallace is making inroads on the Democratic party in nearly all of the forty states in which the ticket will appear on the ballot. The Dixieites in the south are cutting in as will the Socialist party. All of which means easy sledding for the GOP headed by Dewey and Warren.

In the face of all this Governor Maw of Utah has publicly declared the Truman ticket will carry eleven western states, including Oregon. Where he finds evidence to back this statement is difficult to explain.

Result of any political campaign is an unknown quantity—and it is just possible the Utah governor can be right.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST airport has just been dedicated by President Truman and Governor Dewey, and other dignitaries. It contains 4,900 acres, mostly man-made land and is located in the Queens district, eight miles from the famed LaGuardia field. Work started more than six years ago, filling the swamp with dredgings from Jamaica Bay. There are seven runways, one nearly two miles long, capable of handling 1,000 flights daily. This great commercial field has been named "Idlewild" and it is intended to take care of the international and long-haul traffic. La Guardia and Newark airfields will be operated for the benefit of short-haul traffic and freight. All three are owned and operated by the Port of New York.

THOMAS E. DEWEY was black-balled and prevented from joining the Chi Phi fraternity. That is the story Drew Pearson unearthed and he has an aptitude for the unusual. One held out with the remark: "Dewey is poor material, won't make good." The man who vetoed Dewey is a real estate man in Florida and his classmates have forgotten his name.

CHIVALRY IN THE SOUTH is and always has been foremost. In Kentucky steps have been taken to carry the well bred idea a bit further. The University of Kentucky has a program for teaching principles of courtesy to service-station attendants, restaurant and hotel personnel. The course is intended to make Kentuckians conscious of the need for a more friendly attitude towards tourists.

40 MILLION POUNDS of fish were packed at Astoria by the Columbia River Packers associa-

tion during the 1947 season, an increase of 15 million pounds over the year previous. Net profits to the company totaled \$1,123,428. This is the largest fish packing concern in the northwest.

RENO BOASTS A NEW all time high settlement in a divorce action. A nephew of a former governor of New York paid his wife after she obtained a divorce from him a total of three and one-half million dollars. The couple had been wed 17 years.

FAITH IN HUMANITY should be strengthened by the incident just made public wherein a Wisconsin family of twelve were made homeless by a tornado. The home was not only entirely destroyed but one of the family was killed outright. Neighbors came to the rescue, and someone hit upon the novel but effectual idea of placing a glass jar on a fence post in front of the razed house. Hundreds came through curiosity and when they had seen the result of the havoc played by the storm the glass jar was quickly filled. By nightfall a committee had \$5,000 in cash and plans were adopted to build a home for the unfortunate family. Our faith in humanity was renewed and we doff our hat most humbly.

ALL NO DOUBT WONDER why do people join in noise-making parades when a couple is married. They honk auto horns incessantly, ring cowbells, and with numerous contrivances make a public nuisance of themselves. Surely the newlyweds are not honored nor do they appreciate such a demonstration. In St. Louis the police distribute printed literature wishing newlyweds many years of happiness but warning noise making parades is against the law and offenders will be arrested. We hope Chief Sorensen will take similar action.

UNDER PROVISION of a new law candidates for committeemen and committeewomen go on separate ballots. The plan applies to all political parties that have properly filed. So far, no great excitement has been advanced for this radical change, nor has anyone come forward with an explanation of the

benefit afforded. Not many years ago a measure was proposed and enacted into law providing the nomination and election of candidates for the supreme court must be made on separate ballots. The only explanation advanced was it removed candidates from the common herd and out of politics. The lowly precinct officials may find some satisfaction in knowing they are elected in much the same way as are the members of the supreme court. But they are not counted out of politics, moreover they are deeply impressed with the idea it is their bounden duty to act as the vanguard for the party. Heretofore precinct officials were chosen in the primary election and their names were printed on the general ballot. The new-fangled idea will cost Coos county several hundred dollars more than before.

LIQUOR SALES IN Oregon were off approximately two million dollars under the net sales of a year ago. This year's net was \$41,000,000. High prices charged for the liquor is attributed as the probable cause. Rumors of a return to the home made variety are rife, and that could happen.

AT SAN DIEGO fishermen enjoyed great luck, tuna was plentiful and the price at the beginning of the season was \$700 a ton. Hundreds of fishermen from the north sped to the scene and the take was so heavy the market was soon glutted. Result, the price dropped to \$540.

Keen Competition Slated In Livestock

Livestock entries for the Oregon State Fair in Salem, September 6 to 12, closed last week and Manager Leo Spitzbart stated competition would be the keenest in history. A record number of Washington, British Columbia, and Idaho show strings will be on hand to compete with Oregon exhibitors.

Entry deadline for culinary, textile, art, and floral exhibitors is not until September 4. Premium lists for the four divisions may be had by writing the Oregon State Fair in Salem.

Fair Races To Be Good

Trotters and pacers and sulkies, an integral part of every fair scene, will again be a part of the Oregon State Fair in Salem, September 6 to 12. The afternoon racing program of the fair will include two harness races and eight running events.

Speed Superintendent Charles A. Evans has announced that the closing dates for entries in the Oregon bred Debutante Stakes and the Governor's Handicap have been extended until August 15.

Officer Visits Parents Here

Lieutenant Thomas M. Hollimon, who is stationed in Yokohama, Japan, at Headquarters 8th army, spent Sunday and Monday of this week with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hollimon.

Lieutenant Hollimon is a member of a five-man golf team representing General MacArthur's command. He will take part in the

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All-Army golf tournament at Fort Lewis, Washington, August 16th. There will be a team from each of the six armies of the U. S. there. Other teams from the European, Caribbean, and Alaskan commands will take part in this tournament.

The winning team will compete at Pebble Beach, California, August 24 with the U. S. navy and army air force.

Resigns School Post

Mrs. Guy Mintonye submitted her resignation as teacher in the Coquille public schools to the board of directors last night, it was reported today by school officials.

Shop From Sixes — Miss Yvonne Fromm of Sixes was shopping in Coquille, Monday.

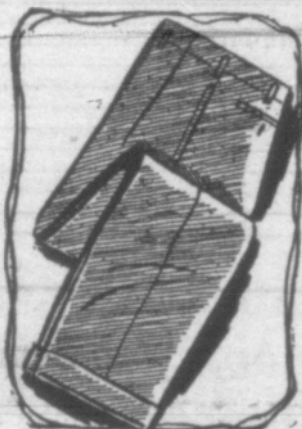
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