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## WHO CHOOSES A PRESIDENT?

This year the people of the United States will elect a president.

Maybe.

Maybe he will be elected by the "hard inner core" of one of the major political parties — the professional politicians. Or more accurately, maybe the professional politicians will give the voters a Hobson's choice between a man they don't want and a man they want even less. It has happened in the past.

What we think of as the "die-hard" faction of the Republican party, the ones who still control the party's destiny, have apparently learned nothing from the shellacking they took in 1948. At this writing it is pretty apparent that their favorite candidate is even more conservative than the one who lost for them then. Their approach is still negative, their attitude unbending; even arrogant. "If you want to clean out that rat's nest in Washington, you'll have to take our man whether you like him or not," seems to sum it up.

Any man worth his salt is judged by his enemies as well as his friends, and this faction's vicious attacks on the other major contender for the Republican nomination, General Eisenhower, only enhances his stature in our eyes. What we consider the "enlightened" wing of the party; the Lodges, Duffs, Saltonstalls etc., are solidly behind Eisenhower. In fact they're doing his campaigning for him, which is almost as difficult and ticklish a task as brushing another man's teeth. If Governor Dewey, who is attempting to keep his support of Eisenhower in the background, had let this portion of the Republican party front for him in 1948 instead of the hard-shells, he might be campaigning for reelection to the White House.

The conservative Republicans, in their efforts to drag Eisenhower down and trample him before convention time, are overlooking no weapon from the Brutus back-stab to the Judas kiss. On a radio forum the other night we heard Owen Brewster, the senator from Pan American airways (a company which neither operates in or flies over his home state of Maine) express the regretful opinion that General Eisenhower is doing such a good job in Europe that he simply can't be spared to run for the relatively insignificant office of president of the United States. Remarkably able chap; frightful shame, really. And some Tobacco Road character drooled that "Ah don't see how us Suthunnuhs can support the General until we find out wheah he stands on FEPC." That's a beautiful "Have-you-quit-beating-your-wife-yet" issue which the Republicans thought was good enough to steal from the Democrats. As a practical matter this "legislation against sin" has about as much importance as a resolution passed by a 53% majority of the Ladies Tuesday Tea society.

Eisenhower's rock-hard integrity has been clearly visible to the American public for many years. One can no more imagine him trimming his sails to an FEPC breeze for reasons of political expediency than he could imagine him cheating at cards. It just isn't in character, and his character is well known despite Mr. Ingalls' plaintive quibble that "you don't know where he stands on this and that." Eisenhower's grasp of global affairs and ability to handle large matters is not even discussed by the Taft forces. The fact that he is not a politician, not a "regular-line" Republican, only makes him more popular with a people which has come to regard "politicians" with deep distrust — with some reason.

But all this isn't going to get him nominated. Poor fellow; nobody likes him but the voters. Both parties want a winner; probably either of them would put up old Beezlebug himself if they thought he was the only one who

## LETTERS to the EDITOR

January 29, 1952

To the Editor:

The two replies to my letter in your paper of January 25, 1952, are laughable. Neither Mr. Hussey or Mr. Nickerson tried in any way to show you people where I was wrong, but instead took in personal stuff. Did they in any way deny that all land under an irrigation project would have to pay for water whether used or not? Did they offer any proof that if a water bill is not paid that your property will not be sold to the highest bidder? Did they give any explanation at all? As for Mr. Hussey wondering why I'm at Klamath Falls, I came here in 1928 during the boom years of the lumber industry and have been fortunate to have had steady work and right now work every day. Yesterday I made \$19.36. How many of the Valley farmers made as much the same day? I'm not saying anything against the Valley or farmers, but I know what a struggle it is to make it at all. That's the reason I wrote the letter so the new people who perhaps have never been around irrigation projects would know how they work.

As to me being able to develop my ranch on the East fork of the Illinois with a little money and little work, it or any other ranch takes plenty of money and plenty of work to be developed right.

As for me having politics in mind, thanks for the compliment but I sure don't know of any political point to my letter.

Mr. Nickerson failed to give the day or hour when the Soil Conservation meet would be held. I've wanted very much to attend some of these meetings, but all I've read of were held during the week and I have to be on the job, so it's impossible.

As to being enlightened about irrigation, I was just enlightened as I wrote this letter. The mailman brought my water bill; thirty bucks for two and a half acres. I hope I won't be enlightened the same way too often.

There's no question the Soil Conservation district is doing much good, and as I wrote some time ago the nine farmers who put their timber on a selective cut made a very wise move, and when I come back to the Valley I'll cut mine on a selective cut.

However, anyone that rushes into an expensive irrigation project in the Valley is off on the wrong foot.

Yours truly,

Paul E. Pfefferle  
Klamath Falls, Ore.

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could win. The Republicans acknowledge that Eisenhower could probably win the election; but they also think that Taft could win, and he's the one they want. He is one of them. If they can freeze Ike out at the convention, Mr. Taft can start laying out his croquet court on the White House back lawn. And that's where this writer doesn't agree with them (they neglected to ask him).

While Dr Gallup gets paid much more for this sort of thing (even when he's wrong), the editor believes that if the Taft forces succeed in capturing the nomination for their man, they will also succeed in reelecting Mr. Truman.

Heaven forbid.

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## News Of Selma

(Mrs. Fritz Krauss)

The worst high water of the season occurred last Friday, and the north side road was flooded as usual from the Pickle place to the Ernest Krauss place.

Shortly after midnight Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Miller and two small children became stalled in their car, and by honking their horn they drew the attention of the neighbors. Fritz Krauss took the passengers home and Gordon Stephens and Orlen Pickle pulled the car out of the water.

There were 119 people x-rayed when the mobile unit was at Selma. Helping with the unit were Mary Lloyd, Flora Sandell, Lorena Weiss, Marian Krauss and Susan Krauss.

Last Saturday Don Warren had the misfortune to drop the pole peeling spud on his foot and cut a gash which required six stitches. Dean Warren has been having infection in his eyes, but is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Blue have spent several weeks in southern California. They are expected back in a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Lex Riggan Sr. were called to southern California because of the illness and death of a daughter. She leaves her husband and two small children.

On the recent federal tax refund list was Jessie Kothe and the late Raymond Breedlove.

One Sunday afternoon recently a crowd of young people from the church went to Grants Pass to entertain the patients at the Park View rest home. Making the trip were Mel Sprague, Eddie Hubbard, Don Warren, Douglas Field, Virginia Breazeale and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Breazeale. They plan to make more such trips.

The next meeting of the D. C. D.s will be February 14 at the grange hall, and the lesson will be on "storage space." This should be of interest to all homemakers, as few of them have enough or the right kind of storage space. The Home Extension agent will give the lesson.

Mrs. Lew Krauss reports that during the snow there were anemones coming up through the snow and blooming. Mrs. Ernest Krauss has crocus in bloom, daffodils and other spring flowers are up and budded, and the pussywillows are out.

Miss Patsy Perry was an overnight guest Wednesday of Miss Darlene Nelson.

The third party of the American Legion Auxiliary pinocle series will be held Saturday, February 9 in the Auxiliary room at the Legion hall. 3-42-1tc

## Moore's New Mill, O'Brien

by Laura Abbey

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hembree and son Dale were dinner guests at the Ed C. Abbey home last Tuesday.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Anderson the past week were Mr. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Samson of Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson took them to Grants Pass Friday, and from there they took a bus to Portland to visit another son before returning to Seattle.

Callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed C. Abbey home last Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Orr of Prineville, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Osborn of Roseburg, on Wednesday Paul Kelly of Prineville, and on Friday Mrs. Clay Ramsey of Kerby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed C. Abbey spent Friday night in Eugene, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Draper. Then they went on to Newberg where they visited Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Watkins, and to Portland where they attended the meeting of Portland Canton and Auxiliary, and the public installation of officers. There were about 250 people present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervine Ellis were Sunday dinner guests of their son Wendel and family in Grants Pass.

Mrs. Bernice Smith and children Diana, Larry and Debbie of O'Brien, are house guests of the David J. Tradewell family, formerly of Cave Junction, now in Tacoma, Washington. Mrs. Smith made a business trip back to Grants Pass and the Valley last week. She is seeking employment in Tacoma and plans to make her home there.

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