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THE ELECTION

Except for the final dash and is over. It has been an interesting the shouting race for president campaign, not so bad as it was thought it might be last summer, but sufficiently exciting to attract the interest of a majority of the citizens of the nation. This is as it should be for, after all, so far in this country our national decisions are to a certain extent made at general elections.

Friends and neighbors have disagreed on the candidates and on the policies and principles advocated by the party leaders. Perhaps anger has come into many conversations.

That is just the way we want it to be. With too few exceptions this is the only nation on earth where such things are possible. No one ever gets angry over an election in the dictator managed countries of Europe. No one dares. Expression of individual opinion is not tolerated.

Every one of us wishes to retain the opportunity of arguing about an election and of getting just as "mad" about it as we choose. The most important thing for us to do is to keep this opportunity.

Ordinarily there is very good sportsmanship displayed in American elections. While there may be fighting for victory up to the final gun when the game is over there are congratulations all around and even a few yells for the winners like the ending of a hard fought athletic contest.

The winner may usually be assured of the entire support of the nation in his policies until he has either put them through or shown that he is incapable of doing so or until it is time for another trial of strength on other policies.

This is democracy in action. It may not be perfect; hardly anyone thinks it is. Nevertheless it is the surest system ever devised for a large nation to insure a popular voice on public matters. All of the statements made in a campaign are not entirely true but all of them are not believed, either. It is our blundering way of government and we like it.

The disagreement is the necessary thing in it. An election could not decide anything unless there was controversy. We must have it. A broader outlook is obtained by argument and disagreement. The American way and the sportsmanlike way is to fight like everything until the bell rings and then congratulate the winner.

MARTIN SPEAKS

Farmers of Oregon may feel a bit complacent over the recent announcement of Governor Martin that he is going to do his best to keep business moving as usual despite a strike or threatened strike of the dock workers in this state.

If a grower wants to sell apples or deliver apples the governor is going to see that no one stops him. The same rule will apply to farmers wishing to sell wheat.

During the campaign it was said of Mr. Martin, having spent so many years as a general, would exercise his power in similar manner as governor. He has and, there seems to be a majority of Oregonians who like to have him do it.

If we correctly interpret the governor's attitude he would be just as insistent that if a laborer wished to strike he be permitted to strike. He cannot, however, interfere with the ordinary process of business in any other way except by refusing to work.

There will be a different story in Portland than in Seattle and it will give a comparative basis for determining the future course we may want to take in other strikes. Presuming, of course, that the strike is finally called.

There is a lot of professional and amateur prophets who are going to feel very, very foolish next week at this time regardless of which way the race goes.

The discovery of the proboscis monkey brought back from Africa solves the ancestry of Snozzle Duranty, we suppose.

Simile: As lonesome as a base ball player in November.

HALLOWE'EN

This week, in America at least, we will celebrate a festival that dates back to antiquity. It is said on good authority that the Druids who lived in England before the Romans captured that land, held their harvest festival on a date that corresponds with our Halloween. They were the people who built Stonehenge, the replica of which, Sam Hill decorated a part of his vast acres across the Columbia.

As is the way with festivals and other holidays this one was changed as the beliefs and habits of the people celebrating them changed. When the Romans came to authority in England and Wales they gradually changed the festival to one in honor of their goddess Pomona, who was given credit for bountiful harvests. Nearly all tribes had a harvest goddess.

Later when England was Christianized the festival was changed again and it came into something of disrepute, it seems, for on the night of October 31, goblins and ghosts and imps and elves were supposed to return to earth. It was possible that at first some of the more kindly inclined of the spirits made the annual visit to earth. Later none but the ill tempered and playful returned until the holiday became one for minor deprecation.

Until recent years it was a custom in Scotland and Wales for bonfires to be built on Halloween in honor of the Druid God Saman, or at least as a remembrance of his festival.

Now instead of its being a harvest festival on which the hard working husbandman might gratefully give his thanks to the lord of harvests it has become a night of mischief. Thus do we observe that nothing is as permanent as change.

Senator McNary in his address to the voters of Oregon called attention to a matter that is of considerable importance. That is the very plain truth that the farm problem is not a political problem.

Certainly the farmers will be the first to hope that such is not the case. They can only expect to obtain farm relief because relief or general change is fair and equitable. In this country there can be no preferment of classes because of voting strength if we are to remain a democratic country.

Now they are talking about building a big dam at The Dalles again and Wasco people are beginning to think of that town as a seaport or at least a lake port. If we keep on flooding the country the Bourbon shippards may be a realization some day after all.

Soon it will be eighteen years since the nations ceased firing in the world war. Many who fought in that conflict felt that it was truly a war to end war. Now it appears that the nations of Europe are almost ready to fight again. Perhaps Armistice day from now on should be used to prepare for future armistices instead of celebrating a past one.

The federal government has made possible the Portland-coast cutoff after the state had practically refused for many years.

This may not have been the longest dry spell known in this country but there are men who would swear that it is the driest.

These crimpy nights call for a raid on the family blanket supply and even sleeping can make one hungry for buckwheat cakes and sausage.

This is perhaps too late to try to induce anyone to go to the polls and vote his or her convictions. If they have not been tired by the campaign up to now they will not be. Just the same it is important that every one VOTE.

The now famous Mrs. Simpson may forego being queen of England and return to America to become a queen of the movies.

It is possible that after election there will be less need of exposing the fortune tellers of Portland.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

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day's battle of the ballots should exceed 425,000.

Interest in the presidential, congressional and state contests in Oregon at this stage of the campaign is confined pretty much to speculation on the majorities which the successful candidates will poll, the result so far as the victor in these major offices is concerned being pretty much "in the bag" barring unforeseen upsets which are apt to creep into even the best regulated contests—athletic or political—to discredit the prognostications of the best informed dopest.

In the legislative contests, however, there prevails a spirit of uncertainty that bids fair to make many of the contests anybody's race until the final reports are in. Earlier in the campaign were freely predicting the restoration of Republican domination in both House and Senate at the next legislative session the surprising gain made by the Democrats in the registrations with nine counties now showing Democratic majorities and several others remaining Republican by the barest of majorities the outcome of the legislative race in many districts is shrouded in doubt.

The Republicans have a decided advantage in the fight to control the senate. Of the 14 hold over members nine are Republicans and only five are Democrats. If the Democrats are to dominate this branch of the law making body they must elect eleven of the 16 members to be chosen next Tuesday. While this is not an impossible feat, it is a highly improbable one and it is a pretty safe guess at this time that the Republicans will organize the next senate just as they have every senate in this state for more than 50 years. In this connection it is interesting to note that of the 16 members of the senate whose terms are expiring, eight are candidates for re-election. These include Walter S. Fisher of Douglas county; Allen A. Bynon, Harry L. Corbett, and Dorothy McCullough Lee of Multnomah county; N. G. Wallace of Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake; W. H. Steiwer, of Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler; Robert M. Duncan of Grant, Harney and Malheur; and Isaac E. Staples, formerly of Multnomah, but now a candidate from the 24th district comprising Lincoln and Tillamook counties. Five former members of the House are also seeking promotion to the senate, including W. A. Johnson of Josephine county; E. L. Ross and John A. Thornburg of Washington; and Homer D. Angell and William L. Dickson of Multnomah.

It is around the political complexion of the next House that the greatest uncertainty exists. Here with all 60 members to be elected anew both parties start from scratch and with Democratic registration closely crowding that of the Republicans, partisans of Jackson and Jefferson are out to retain control over this branch of the lawmaking body which they wrested from the Republicans in 1935 for the first time since 1878. This is entirely within the realm of probabilities. Much depends upon the outcome in Multnomah county where many of the Democratic nominees are said to have the endorsement of the Townsendites. If the Democrats can elect all or even a majority of the 13 representatives allotted to Multnomah county it is entirely probable that they return enough out state members to organize the next House. If, on the other hand, the Republicans elect their legislative candidates in Multnomah county, most of whom have the advantage of greater experience and wider acquaintance, then in all probability domination of the House organization will again return to that party.

Forty eight tons of paper, nearly three car loads, were required for the official voters' pamphlet, copies of which went out to each of the 546,034 registered voters in Oregon during the past week. Printing of the pamphlets which were nearly 50 percent larger this year than ever before, required 3,500,000 impressions and the postage bill for mailing alone amounted to nearly \$7,000. Arguments for and against the eight measures on the November ballot required 48 pages.

Membership in the American Red Cross last year showed an increase of 299,695. A total of 4,137,636 men and women enrolled, their dollars enabling the expanding Red Cross program of service to be carried forward at full strength. An increased membership is sought this year at Roll Call time, November 11 to 26, to meet the increasing demands upon the organization during 1937.

Luttrell—I'll have you know my friend Helen is getting a man's wages.
Owen—Well, well—I didn't know she was married.

JAVITS HAS A PLAN



Benjamin A. Javits, New York lawyer-economist, co-author of NRA and representative of many important trade groups, has drafted a substitute plan for NRA that will be the basis of a broad movement to remedy many industrial, agricultural and social ailments. The plan is described in a book by Mr. Javits, "The Commonwealth of Industry," that has been studied by many important national leaders.

Treated Terra Cotta

The so-called Egyptian porcelain employed in fashioning statuettes, which were famous for their exquisite beauty is in reality terra cotta, covered with a glass-like glaze and burned to extreme hardness.

In Other Days

From the Observer Nov. 2, 1917. An item in the published city budget called for \$2200 for oil and distillate for the city water pumping plant, and for \$1000 for materials and supplies.

Her girl friends gave Bessie Bourhill a miscellaneous shower Thursday evening October 25. W. A. Ruggles has moved to the May farm in Hay Canyon recently bought by O. G. Sayrs.

Milo Elliott who enlisted in the Canadian army early last spring is now in active service in France. For the fourth time in a few weeks people of this county wished God speed to a group of boys leaving for the army. Leaving were: Omer Sayrs, Robert Hoskinson, John Stursa, Carl Noles, Wm. Rader from Moro; Frank Stone, L. J. Lucas, Glenn Maurer from Wasco; Lewis Armstrong, Arthur S. Minks from Grass Valley; James Fox, Early; Viggo Haufelt, Kent.

Taxes in Sherman county will be paid up by the end of next month at the present rate of collection. A sum of \$52,000 has all been liquidated with the exception possibly of \$2000 of which amount not more than \$250 is liable to be delinquent. J. H. Landry's perfect weeder is a 16 gang plow and cultivator as well. Every farmer who sees it wants one and keeps the factory busy.

Moro athletic club is now fully organized with officers as follows: L. R. French, president; Geo. Miller, vice president; L. F. Borrym, secretary; W. B. Gordon, treasurer; W. S. Mowry, sargent at arms; Clarence Rutledge, librarian. Club rooms in the Bolton building.

Geo. Hennagin bought a four-horse load of potatoes to town Wednesday and sold them on the street at a cent a pound.

State Representative E. R. Fatland of Condon is seeking re-election, having served his first term. In regular and special sessions he acquired a wide acquaintance and learned the routine of the legislative mill. His committee assignments included the committee on agriculture, highways, and highway revenue, education, game and alcoholic control.

The Fatland-for-Representative club, membered mostly by his fellow townsmen, has supplied the following information concerning their candidate: prior to his legislative experience was a city councilman, six years; three years on school board; chairman of the Gilliam County Debt Control Adjustment committee; active in road improvement movement. Successfully operates tire-battery business; formerly dairyman; Grange member; World War veteran; past master Masonic lodge; married, age 40, father of two boys. Investigates carefully and with an open mind but unafraid to stand firmly for what he thinks is for best interests of his constituency.

Mr. Fatland is said to be a capable public speaker.

Mrs. Skjold—Dear, did you notice the handsome fur coat worn by the lady in front of us in church today?
Mr. Skjold—No, I'm afraid I didn't. I was dozing most of the time.
Mrs. Skjold—Huh. A lot of good, it does you to go to church.

The following letter has been received in answer to a clipping of Mr. Hornbaker's letter regarding Mr. Landon.

Newton, Kans. Oct. 20, 1936. Moro, Oregon.

In reply to your letter of Oct. 17, enclosing clipping of a letter purporting to have been written by J. W. Hornbaker, a farmer residing near Newton, will say I am surprised by Mr. Hornbaker's attitude. He is a rather quiet citizen, quite hard of hearing, and probably not too well posted. He changed his declaration of party affiliation from Republican to Democrat, March, 1934. Why he changed his politics is not clear. I have no disposition to impugn his intentions, and certainly he is entitled to his own views.

His letter seems to consist of mere declarative statements, and it positively does not reflect the sentiment of Kansas nor of this community. Moreover, there are no facts upon which to base such assertions as Hornbaker makes.

The book he mentions, "Story of the Fox" is a political harrangue written by a lawyer of none too good reputation of Topeka, and is full of glaring twisting of facts and every page is smeared with political mud.

Landon is well enough thought of by his neighbors and fellow Kansans, that they elected him governor when the state went strongly for Roosevelt in 1932, over Governor Harry Woodring, Democrat, a one-termer. Then with all of the prestige of federal office holders, and the army of federal employees, he was re-elected governor in 1934 by even a greater majority over Omar Ketchum, the man the Democrats this year selected as their candidate for U. S. senator.

As a matter of fact there is not a real chance for criticism of Alf Landon as a citizen, business man, nor public official. He is a graduate of the K. of U. law school. He became an independent oil operator and had to fight for his business life against the so-called major companies. He started flat-footed with his two hands, a clear head and a courageous heart, and made a success of his own business, and he went on to make a success of state business as governor.

As governor he advocated and secured enactment of the Kansas "cash basis" law and budget law. Under these laws the state and all municipalities must set up a budget which is submitted to the taxpayers and when finally adopted cannot be exceeded under heavy penalty. Every town and school district in the state is on a cash basis. Working out economies in the state, he saved money, and He took the state highway commission a half million in debt, and today the commission has a surplus, has carried on a full program of construction, and is proceeding on a pay-as-you-go basis. Every institution in the state is in better condition than when he took charge. There has never been a breath of scandal, but he inherited trouble in the state treasurer's office through substitution of forged bonds, which originated in Woodring's administration through no fault of Woodring. Landon went after the mess and cleaned it up. The bond swindler and the state treasurer are in prison, and Landon in 1932 placed a man in charge of the office who was elected by the people at the 1934 election.

There is no more boot-legging of liquor in Kansas than there has always been. Mild beer is sold freely in the state because the supreme court held that such beverages had to be proven in fact intoxicating to secure convictions under the state law. The test case on which that point was handed down went up from this judicial district where conviction and sentence was reversed.

Landon will carry Kansas by fully 100,000 votes.

You know as well as I how the Republican campaign is financed, and you probably sent in your dollar as perhaps a million other citizens who fear the New Deal have done.

Landon owns farms and has worked at it, and knows more about farm problems than the brain trusters will ever know. He has a constructive program that will bring agriculture out of the doldrums without imposing a lot of bureaus and unbearable overhead expense.

He has been charged with "balancing the budget at the expense of the schools". Kansas stands 4th in the Union in literacy. The state is proud of its schools. The schools enjoy complete autonomy and the people of a district gather annually, elect a board of three members, adopt their budget and discuss teaching material, curriculum, property improvement and the like. Over the schools of each county is

a superintendent, who sees the laws are complied with, that property is in good condition, sanitary regulations in force, curriculum taught, and so on. Then over all state schools we have a state superintendent, who is a member of all executive school bodies. For the past four years, this state officer has been W. T. Markham, a New Deal Democrat. Since the advent of the motor car and better highways, an era of consolidation of school districts has set in, encouraged by all well posted educators, and by Governor Landon. Through this system many schools having been consolidated into others, affording better schools, more revenue, longer terms and better school conditions generally. That is the basis for the false stories about the Kansas schools—some thing with which the governor had no more to do than any other citizen.

He did balance the state budget by practicing the same economy he did in his own business, eliminating several boards and commissions, working hard himself and demanding that other office holders also earn their money. He trimmed all state salaries, taking his own cut first.

I know Governor Landon very well personally. He is of clean habit, upright in character, a fine thinker and reader, kindly but courageous, a genuine type of that spirit that made the nation great and made Kansas great.

No man who is not a clean liver could withstand the grind of the last four years of executive duties, stay on the job, and stand up under it with the vigor and clear headed record that Alf Landon has shown. No man who is unworthy could continue to hold the glad, unselfish devotion of so talented, modest and wholesome a woman as Mrs. Landon so freely given to the governor. His three children adore him and he has admitted to me that his happiest moments are when he can

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Maggie Barnum, N. G. Late Hall, Secretary

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H. B. Pinkerton, W. M. C. V. Belknap, Secy

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F. Moro, Oregon Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to see with us.

Lewis McKee, N. G. Joe Truitt, Secretary

be alone for a brief evening occasionally with his wife and children.

The people of the United States, in my opinion, have never had an opportunity to choose a man as president who is more capable, more fitted, nor more available than is Alf Landon. He will do what he conceives to be right as president, the same as he has done as governor, and the same as he does in private business, where every employee will be willing to fight for him.

I am no hero worshipper. I come from pioneer Kansas stock. But I have children who are going to be citizens for the next fifty years, and will have grand children who I hope will continue to help preserve this nation upon its constitutional foundation a century hence. With men like Landon directing the affairs of the nation, that desire can be realized. I firmly believe that this nation, resting upon its present constitution of individual liberty cannot survive another four years of the dangerous, threatening experiments and overwhelming spending of the people's savings, such as that imposed upon us by the present administration. In my judgment, this is the gravest situation this nation has faced since 1860.—Associate Editor, Kansan Printing Company.

Paid adv., by Sherman County branch, Oregon Republican Club.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Frank von Borstel and Amandus von Borstel have been duly appointed Administrators of the estate of Carsten von Borstel, deceased, and have qualified as such administrators.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to Frank von Borstel, Grass Valley, Oregon, Amandus von Borstel, Kent, Oregon, or Brown & Van Vactor, Pioneer Building, The Dalles, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, to-wit: October 16, 1936.

Frank von Borstel, Amandus von Borstel, Administrators. Brown & Van Vactor, The Dalles, Oregon 50-55

ESTATE OF BRITTANA G. FULTON

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT No. 326 In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County. In the Matter of the Estate of Brittana G. Fulton, deceased: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as executor of the estate of Brittana G. Fulton, deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County and that on the 6th day of November, 1936, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day and the court room of said court has been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement hereof.

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