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THE ELECTION

The election of President Truman came as a surprise even shock to many people and attempts at rationalization will be made for months. We might as well get started early. Nobody wanted Truman except himself. His party deserted him, the south broke away from him, the radicals started Wallace to defeat him and his battle against these odds probably aided him because Americans like a good fight and like to choose the under dog.

Truman attacked congress, which was a very good one, but congresses are seldom popular and it gave him something to talk about. Usually a man who puts on a campaign of invective loses. This time he won. The Republicans, basking in the assuring reports from the polls, did little to bring to the public's attention the utter ineffectiveness of the president in both domestic and foreign affairs. Dewey did not offer a program that greatly differed from that of Truman. He accepted many of the new deal ideas arguing that he would administer them better. This was undoubtedly true according to the record, but probably was considered unimportant.

There is, of course, a majority of Democrats over Republicans in the nation, even counting those who had to join the party to get a WPA job, and whose loyalty is not often considered of high test. All of these may be good reasons. The main reason, however, seems to be that the people do not want to take any course that might deprive them of government gifts, bonuses, guarantees. The principle that the government should be generous with the people has become accepted and Americans who have lost the fine independence and self reliance of the pioneers. Even those who do not accept the philosophy take the cash and let the morals go because it has come to be so general.

The desire for security has overcome the liking for freedom and governmental interference in the daily activities of individuals is welcomed—if it pays in money or ease or security. The government enters into our lives to a greater extent than that of almost any country and now it appears to have an invitation to guide our lives. History records the story of no nation that started on that path and recovered in time to prevent moral or economic collapse or inundation by barbarians. The people always pay for their bread and circuses government provides.

STATE MEASURES
The vote of the people was clear enough as expressed about the measures on the ballot last Tuesday but they seemed to be hollering for both sides at once. They defeated a reform in the six per cent limitation which would have been helpful but is not essential, granted the use of funds for reforestation, passed the expensive boys' camp bill which is a bit of generosity, decided to hold the water power of our rivers for federal development instead of private refused to let non-property owners vote in school finance elections, passed as silly a sounding pension scheme as was ever dreamed, voted a tax cut by increasing exemptions to the income tax, turned down a veterans' bonus, refused to loosen the liquor law, said "No" to conservation of salmon and refused to spend any of the income tax surplus to pay accrued bills. The above is the county vote which does not entirely agree with the state vote. It will be difficult to find a pattern for the thinking of the voters in the record made Tuesday. It seems reasonable that voters want lighter taxes, yet there is new pension bills passed and all will cost money. One can see why a county of property owners would not favor non-property owner voting as long as bonds are a levy solely against property. One might conclude that voters were in a generous mood were it not the defeat of the veterans' bonus measure vigorously opposed, but the pension bill. It is no new manifestation of voter action that bills costing millions are favored along with a refusal to approve tax raising measures to provide for the cost. The old example is the Marion county courthouse which is old, inadequate and worn out in body and spirit. Voters approved a plan for a new one and at the same election turned down a bond issue to pay for it.

Unless there is drastic amendment to the pension scheme the federal government will likely withdraw from payments to Oregon which will put the burden on Oregonians. It may be found unconstitutional. But it is still on the record that the people of the state want to care for the aged in a rather freehanded manner. The record will not be changed even if shown that the bill was not read. Also the people do not want more drinking and whiskey is the means of raising money for pensions. Furthermore they do not want to pay more taxes, but less. And they will not approve any levy above the modern six percent limitation. It is very likely that the defeat of the bill that would have transferred money from the surplus fund to the general fund will aid the movement to put all income tax there. That will remove the protection the property taxpayer now has from income tax receipts.

And the power bill would have helped the tax situation somewhat by increasing valuations in several counties and by providing power for new industry. And that is the way it looks. Now Solomon, Socrates, Confucius, et al, take over from there.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Nov. 8, 1929
A party was given at George Hennagin's home Tuesday in honor of the 4th birthday of Hal Anderson, grandson of Mr and Mrs Hennagin.

Mrs Minnie Biggerstaff, Mrs Roy Axtell and son Dorance were visitors in Moro this week from Roseville, California.

Mrs Gladys Buxton left Saturday for a visit to her son, W. I. Buxton at Pondosa, Oregon.

From the G. V. J. Nov 7, 1919
John Allsup is now out of the garage business in Grass Valley and will go to Wasco and take charge of the tractor department in the Morrow garage.

Clifford Marlin and Miss Frances Bayer of this city were married in The Dalles Monday evening at the Methodist parsonage.

The three boys selected to attend the Stock Show in Portland November 15 at the local tryout Saturday were Dick O'Brien, Don O'Leary, Authur Bucholtz, with Albert Folda as alternate. This will be a big trip for the boys as the Pacific Live-stock association has appropriated \$500 to pay the expenses of the boys' stock judging teams.

From the Observer Nov. 5, 1909
Roy Benson has moved into the city and is fixed for winter in the B. F. Pike cottage on Court street.

Born in Portland, October 22, to Mr and Mrs J. Martin Wise, a ten pound daughter.

Robbie Elcock has received his gold medal, won at the recent athletic meet in Dalles city.

Miss Sarah Montgomery, sister of R. W. Montgomery of Helix, is the guest of Mr and Mrs Carl Peetz in this city.

NOTICE OF BOND SALE
Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned until the hour of eight o'clock, P. M. on Monday, the 15th day of November, 1948, and immediately thereafter opened by the Council of the City of Wasco at the Council room in said city, for the purchase of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) City of Wasco Water Bonds, said bonds to be dated November 1, 1948, bearing interest at the rate of not to exceed six percent (6%) per annum, payable semi-annually in denominations of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) each, maturing serially in numerical order at the rate of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) on the 1st day of January in each of the years 1953 to 1958, inclusive, and Three Thousand Dollars on January 1, 1959, provided that all maturing thereafter shall be subject to call and redemption on January 1, 1953, and on any interest paying date thereafter. The approving legal opinion of Messrs. Winfree, McCulloch, Shuler, & Sayre will be furnished the successful bidder. Bids must be unconditional and accompanied by a certified check in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00). The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. H. R. White City Recorder

RUFUS NEWS

By Mrs George Fox
The first of a series of card parties were held at the grange hall last Friday night. A pie social was also held after the card game. Five tables of pin-ochle and two of 500 were in play. Winning at cards were Mr. Vane and Mrs George Fox for pinochle, with consolation prize going to Carl Thompson. In 500 Mrs George Fox and Mrs Trace Fields won high prizes and consolation prizes went to R. N. Gullford and Mrs Melvin Brady. After the prizes were given out the pies were sold. Curt Tom and Atee Wilson took turns anteingering which was a lot of fun, and scraped the grange about \$24. Mrs Harland McDonald acted as secretary. The ladies served coffee with the pies.

Mrs Grace Medler has been ill since last Wednesday with a leg injury received in a fall. Mrs Medler was on the committee of the Home Economics club to hang the drapes in the grange hall at which time she ascended a straight ladder and the end shot backwards with Mrs Medler on it. The rungs of the ladder scraped the front of her legs as it fell, and it was first thought her ankle was broken, but x-rays proved that it wasn't when she was taken to The Dalles for medical attention. She has suffered quite a bit of pain and hasn't been able to walk yet.

Mr and Mrs S. A. Wilson took their daughter Mrs Jim Butler and daughters to their home in Heppner Wednesday. Mrs Butler had an infected wisdom tooth pulled and the doctor told her to remain in bed for a couple of days which she did at her folks home while her mother took care of the children.

Bill Greiner of Condon arrived last Sunday at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs James Fox. Mr and Mrs Fox left Tuesday to spend the week visiting relatives in Troutdale. Mr Fox returned to his home Saturday but Mrs Fox remained for a longer visit. Bill Greiner stayed at the Fox ranch doing chores in their absence and left for Condon Monday.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY. In Matter of the Estate of Wm. D. Barnett, deceased, ss.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: You are hereby notified that the above entitled Court has duly appointed Willard H. Barnett, as Administrator of the Communal Estate above named and all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present same to said Administrator, at the law office of Roy J. Baker in Grass Valley, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. First publication being October 15, 1948. Willard H. Barnett Administrator

Roy J. Baker Attorney for Administrator 50-51-52-1c

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY. In Matter of the Communal Estate of Anna K. Barnett and Wm. D. Barnett, deceased, ss.

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Mrs Elva Howey who is the primary teacher spent the week end visiting relatives in Beaverton.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Irving Hart, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Bertha Belshe N. G. Clara Houston, Sec.

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us. Leo Watkins, N. G. John DeMoss, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78. O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Pauline Douma, W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary

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Want To Join Our Club?
Newcomers to our town are puzzled when they hear talk of "The Barbecue Club." Want to know who can join, and what the purpose is. Well, the answer is: any one can join who's neighborly inclined. The purpose is simply to enjoy good food, good beer and ale, good conversation—all towards getting to know one another better. Every other Saturday, at one farm or another, the pit is dug, and the fire started. And by sundown, neighbors from miles around have come together—the women contributing cakes, pies, and coffee, the men contributing the meat for barbecuing, and the beer or ale. From where I sit, it's this simple wholesome side of country life in America—its spirit of good-fellowship—that makes for tolerance and better understanding between neighbors. As I say, Neighbor, any one can join up! So come along a week from this Saturday. Joe Marsh

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: You are hereby notified, that the above entitled Court has duly appointed John M. Rolfe, as Administrator of the Communal estate above named and all persons having-claims against said Community Estate, are hereby required to present same to said administrator as the law office of Roy J. Baker, in Grass Valley, Oregon, with the proper vouchers annexed, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. First publication being October 15, 1948. John M. Rolfe Administrator

Roy J. Baker Attorney for Administrator 50-51-52-1c

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY. In Matter of the Estate of Theodore M. Rolfe, deceased, ss.

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Roy J. Baker Attorney for Administrator 50-51-52-1c

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

You are hereby notified that the above entitled Court has duly appointed John Marshall Rolfe, as Administrator of the estate of Theodore M. Rolfe, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present same to said Administrator at the law office of Roy J. Baker in Grass Valley, Oregon, with the proper vouchers annexed, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. First publication being October 15, 1948. John M. Rolfe Administrator

Roy J. Baker Attorney for Administrator 50-51-52-1c

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account and Report as Administrator of the Estate of Jessie A. Potter, deceased, and that Monday, the 8th day of November, 1948, at 10:00 A. M., of said day, at the courtroom, in the court-house, in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate. George A. Potter Administrator

T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administrator 49-52c

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County their Final Report and Account as Administrators of the estate of Asa David Richelderfer, deceased and that Saturday the 13th day of November, 1948, at ten o'clock A. M., of said day, at the County Courtroom, in the Court-house, at Moro, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate. David R. Richelderfer Henry N. Richelderfer Geo. G. Updegraff Attorneys for Administrators

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