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MR. ACHESON'S MOUSTACHE

Our new secretary of state has been accused of desire to collaborate with the Russians on some important international matters and doubt has been cast on his availability for his new post.

This seems possible that this might have been caused from the appearance of his moustache which may easily be the most remarkable thing about him. It has a foreign look being twisted and filled with independent hairs that go this way and that without establishing any set pattern.

It makes him look somewhat like a leader of a small German band or a little like the popular conception of a Roumanian diplomat. From this could come the accusation of his foreign failings.

Such moustaches are seldom seen but can occasionally be found. Often they are the most expressive feature of the wearer's face. When placid feelings rule the mind they look almost normal, lying down well, but when anger arouses the mind they twist and writhe like a sagebrush in a whirlwind. No owner of such a facial decoration would ever disguise his anger.

They are expressive adornments. There used to be one in the family years ago that was borne by a man who was often silent for long periods of time, but he was not without means of self expression. In shock his moustache stood on end like the Kaiser's was trained to do. Fatigue brought it down to the common soup-strainer position. Emotion agitated it. Even children knew Uncle Ben's mood.

Of course, it would be possible to put the razor to such a moustache and go through life expressionless except for the usual means enjoyed by most of us. But who could expect a man to forego his most remarkable means of emotional release.

Keep it Mr. Acheson.

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REAPPORTIONMENT

Richard Neuberger, a state senator from Portland, who apparently considers himself chosen to correct the ills of the state has introduced a bill to reapportion the state which he says must be done every census period according to the constitution. He has words and writings to prove it.

Multnomah county, says the reforming senator, does not have enough men in the state senate and house to properly represent the numbers of residents and on a strictly even basis he is correct. It may be doubted whether any of the larger problems of the state would be settled by electing more senators and representatives from Multnomah county. It might even enlarge those problems.

In recent years it has been the boys from upstate who were the least likely to be swayed by pressure groups and whatever economy that can be found in the state did not stem from Multnomah county.

The comparison to the federal distribution falls apart when it is remembered that the senator apportions both the Oregon house and senate on a strict population basis. The federal government gives each state two senators.

An idea that has been kicking around Salem for years is that each county should have one senator and the representatives divided according to population and this might work just as effectively as it does in the national government. The upstate men could check on the city boys who were pressed by opportunistic groups and the city fellows could show the country lads some new tricks in governing.

We seem to be satisfied with that system nationally and from it comes the only strength the west possesses. Of representatives the eleven western states have but a handful. Of senators we have 22. It is hard to see how the west could have been developed at all had it been forced to rely on strength in the house. We would have been an economic province to this day.

Eastern Oregon does not want to become a province anymore than do the eleven western states. It is in a better economic position, however, for it can trade elsewhere and get along very well.

Representation in the halls where laws made is necessary for development of many kinds in these days when so much is done by government that used to be entrusted to individuals.

Of course, there are those wise and experienced souls to irrevocably remark that the political campaign of 1950 might be within the long range view of the gentleman from Multnomah. A discourse in such a bill would make a fine topic for a series of talks before audiences bent upon choosing a candidate. But, not many would think of such practical and personal considerations in considering legislative matters.

ROAD MONEYS

Some redistribution of the 19 percent of highway funds that are allotted to the counties may be expected at this section of the legislature. There have been attempts before but always unsuccessful partly because no one had done the engineering work to tell where the money should be put and from where it should be taken.

A bill has been introduced to divide the funds on a basis of one third each for number of cars, area and miles of primary and secondary roads. This is almost

the same as the federal system which divides its money on the basis of a third each for area, population and miles of post roads. A post road is almost any road. Under the formula of a third to each of the above factors Sherman county would receive \$45,036.89 instead of the \$12,991.09 it got in 1946. Wheeler county would get \$54,651.51 instead of \$9,189.35; Gilliam \$53,639.44 instead of \$13,154.02. Most eastern Oregon counties would receive more but not all.

The report of the highway interim committee shows the wide divergence between the needs and the amounts received by each county. Some have gotten twice the amount of their needs and some one ninth of them.

Members of the committee have the figures to prove the needs and have also convinced themselves that some readjustment is necessary.

Some complicated formula will probably succeed the one third each of area, cars and road mileage presented in the original bill. Perhaps it is not the best one to use. But whether there is a real need shown by an engineering study it seems entirely possible that some change will be made. And no reasonable change can be made without giving more money to this county.

Letters to the Editor:

Sherman County Journal,
To the Editor:

I wish to correct a statement in the recent issue of the Journal regarding the Oregon Wheat Growers league in which it was stated that we favored Mr. French's gross business tax bill.

While the Sherman county recommendation to the general league session was favorable to such a plan, the general assembly asked that a committee be appointed to study the matter and report back at the 1949 session.

These matters cannot be given thorough treatment until a study of a completed bill is made, for from recent experience the final outcome is not always compatible with the original intent.

Sincerely,
PAULEN W. KASEBERG,
President.

SHERMAN COUNTY HISTORY

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A marker at the mouth of John Day commemorates an experience of one member of the Hunt party, John Day for whom the river was named. Some place along the Columbia between Cello and the river named for him John Day and Ramsey Crooks fell behind their party and were captured by hostile Indians who robbed them of their clothes and arms and turned them loose in inclement weather.

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til the following May when they were rescued by David Stuart and his party. The John Day river in Clatsop county is also named for John Day who was a Virginian and an explorer who died in the west in 1819.
Continued Next Week

NEW PONTIAC CAR HAS TITLE "FINEST MOTOR CAR"

The long awaited, much speculated upon 1949 Pontiacs were revealed publicly today as two completely new and striking beautiful lines of motor cars.

Harry J. Klingler, general manager of Pontiac Motor divi-

sion and vice president of General Motors, described the new Pontiacs as "The finest motorcars we have ever produced."

Pontiac offers the public two "New Looks" for 1949. The Chieftain series is an entirely new concept of functional beauty distinguished by its ultra-styled rear pattern. The Streamliner series is an extremely advanced rendering of the flowing design factors popularized by Pontiac.

Both Chieftain and Streamliner series use a 120 inch wheelbase. The Torpedo line has been discontinued, Mr. Klingler said.

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