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WHAT DO PEOPLE BELIEVE?

Looking at any voters list of acquaintances is always a little surprising. There's old Joe, as solid as a rock, as insistent on being let alone as a rattlesnake, registered with the Democrats. And there's Bill, who is always talking about getting the government to do something he doesn't want to be taxed for directly, registered as a Republican.

All that is confusing. Of course, no one really thinks that the party division has much relationship to the actual division as to economic or political thought. It would be illuminating for George Gallup or some other pollster to conduct a survey and find out how many people wanted and expected the government to control business and industry and labor and prices and how many thought such matters could and would be better handled by individuals.

Despite the campaign that has been waged against big business, how many people fear it more than big government? Do people prefer freedom to security and how many know that the two are incompatible? How many people like the spending program of the federal government and the personal taxes involved?

Naturally there are many reasons why people register as they do. There's family habit (which often works in reverse), there's the desire of the weak to be on the winning side and of the strong against it.

Some married folks change in order to be compatible and some stay different for other reasons. Some want government jobs and some register in order to vote for or against a friend. Economic and political principles have little to do with it, in fact, are poorly defined in text books, campaign speeches or magazine or newspaper.

When the chips are down and the issues are clear the steady heads have usually been able to control regardless of party which is a compliment to the majority of Americans, which the poll lists are not.

OREGON TRUNK

The book, Oregon Trunk, in paper bound edition, has found many readers in this part of the country because the building of the two railroads up the Deschutes gorge, back in 1909 and 1910 is the background for the contest between the brawling railroaders that makes up the plot.

As near as can be recalled and as far as presently available information goes the part of the story having to do with railroad construction and the battles that went with it is factually correct. The author obtained some of his information from local sources including the files of Sherman county newspapers. Dan Stevens is the non de plume used by the author who is really a Bend school teacher named Overturf.

It seems to be necessary in what passes for western fiction that all the serious opponents of the main character be removed from the earth by violent means before the final chapter. The means used and the events leading to the fatal ending do not always comport with other things in the book, nor with human psychology as generally understood. But if that's the style, O. K., by the time invidious comparisons are made for 200 pages between the hero and the villains it seems high time to dispose of the bad men. This is done, effectively in Oregon Trunk.

Actually memory does not place much gun smoke along with the powder smoke of the railroad building. Men were blown to bits, bitten by rattlesnakes, broken in falls but the force most often came from nature than from ill-natured man. Despite the occasional intensity of the fight between Hill and Harriman, Porter and Twoby, and the sub-contractors, few were killed over it. The major decisions were made in the courts although pick handles

were used on occasion. But the book will serve to revive interest in what was a dramatic event in the history of Sherman county, one which requires a 40-year memory to recall.

The county was filled with Italian and Austrian muckers, Swedish powdermen, swearing teamsters and all the mass hangers on that prevail where construction work is going on. The local citizens, staid and careful with money as befitted 1910 farmers, were as strange to the immigrants as the natives of Bosnia, Austria and Italy were to the farmers.

The book is worth reading. It is fiction, not history, but fiction with a local background. That, and the speed of the plot, make it interesting.

Office charts of retail beef ceiling prices will be posted in meat shops throughout the country June 25 says the OPS. The date for posting ceiling prices is a week later than previously announced and was finally selected as the date to allow for last-minute price revisions and distribution.

Housewives can refer to the price charts, which must be posted by butchers in a readily visible place, to be sure they pay no more than the ceiling price for beef set for this area.

FIRST PRINCIPLES FIRST

One manifestation of post-war change is being made, slowly but we hope certainly. France rather definitely and Italy with some doubt voted for a bit more conservatism in their governments.

In this country the supreme court has made some decisions which should encourage those who feel that the less governmental interference there is, the better. It reversed the so called fair trade tendency for example and now a New Jersey court has ruled that dealers may compete on cigarette price. There seems some tendency on the supreme court to limit the powers of bureaucrats.

According to our theory of government the legislative branch, which is representative of the people, makes the laws, the executive branch executes them and enforces them and the judicial branch sees that it is all done according to the constitution and the statutes.

For some years we have had an executive branch that wanted to both make and enforce the laws and thus have an overgrown bureaucracy. Some power for enforcement is necessary if the executive branch is to operate at all, but the rulings of federal bureaus are ten times as voluminous as are all the federal laws of the country from the beginning.

People all over the world have to try new ways of government now and then and while they sometimes discover something useful they often return to the time tested ways.

SNAKE IN A BOTTLE

A little girl called by telephone the other day to say that she had a rattlesnake to present to the editor. He declined politely, we hope, while cogitating the strange generosity of little girls. She said it was a small snake and when it came in a short time later it was truly a baby rattle with only a black button and a growing rattle to prove that he really was a dangerous reptile. Of course, an elder person who had been raised with rattlesnakes could tell by the flat head and dark coloring that he was to be let alone.

The little girl was very pleased with her conquest although she had been admonished about her lack of fear. She carried the snake proudly in a whiskey bottle which in some quarters would have been considered most appropriate.

The captive was pert and interested in the editorial surroundings but we again declined the proffered gift. Do you suppose that little girl will ever be afraid of mice or lizards, who has in her girlhood coaxed a snake into a bottle?

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon. Gwen Ross, W. M.

Naomi Van Gilder, Secretary

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.

Earl Gentry, N. G. Leo Watkins, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Gladys Morrison, N.G. Helen Martin, Sec.

Rufus News

Mrs. George Fox

The middle of the week saw a couple of warm days here. The thermometer hovered above ninety degrees. By the weekend the temperature had moderated, and it was good growing weather for the coming wheat harvest. Most of the right of ways in the wheat fields have been cut for hay.

The Rufus farmers who have fruit orchards, have been busy with their cherries. Another week will see most of them out of the way if they can get pickers. The usual itinerant workers didn't come around this year as they did in other years. Therefore there is a shortage of pickers at Rufus.

At the Biglow school meeting Monday afternoon Roland Johnson was elected for a two year term, while Dr. Macnab retiring chairman was re-elected for a three year term.

The Rufus consolidated school held its regular annual meeting Monday with a small attendance. Joe Morris the outgoing chairman was elected as director for three years. Allen Tom will be this year's chairman.

The Rufus school is being given a new coat of paint at this time. Carl Thompson is doing the work and it is about half done. This paint is being put on the outside of the building and is extra to the usual work Carl does on the inside of the building every year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Klock and daughter Patty of Portland spent from Wednesday to Friday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris. While here they visited other relatives.

The grass in the pastures and on the range is tender dry now and extreme caution must be taken to reduce the fire hazards. There was such a rank growth this spring of all the foliage to make the fire danger worse.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Engberg attended the State grange session which was held in Portland last week.

There was a picnic Sunday at DeMoss Springs for the Sherman county grange members and their friends. A nice time was had by those attending.

The Home Economics club of the Rufus grange will meet on

a special date June 28 at the home of Mrs. Roland Johnson with Mrs. Andy Engberg as co-hostess.

Douglas and Barbara Medler were overnight guests Saturday at the George Fox residence.

Miss Dolores Fox of The Dalles was a weekend guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fox. The REA electricity was real low here the first of the week. The cause was not known.

The display of animals and birds at Rufus is drawing the interest of the people. The display is at Popular Grove station and auto camp and is shown by a man who said he showed his animals in Montana last year. For a small show, he has a good selection.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett and family attended a family reunion June 9 at the Claude Coats residence in Odell. The reunion was in honor of Mrs. George Bourland. Sol Coats of Dufur and Claude Coats. All the Coats' children were present with their families excepting Nell and Jim. A cousin of the Coats' of Portland whom the family hasn't seen for 25 years was present. More than fifty people were present to enjoy the day. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Coats together with their family spent most of their lives in the Rufus community. They moved to Odell last fall.

Frank LeMaster who hasn't been well lately is better and has gone to work.

Miss Mary Brackett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brackett, will leave Sunday for Eugene where she will attend summer school.

CRASS VALLEY NEWS

(Mrs. A. F. Balzer, Phone 281)

Charles Perrigo arrived Friday from Leavenworth, Wash., and spent the week end with his family at the Frank T. Bayer home.

Ivan Blagg and B. C. Bauwgartner went to Portland Thursday evening where they attended grand lodge at the Masonic Temple as delegates from the local lodge on Friday and Saturday.

Bill Brinkert went to Portland Sunday and returned Monday with a relative who will spend a few days with them. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox accompanied him and went to Chehalis, Wash., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Auger. Mrs. Hilda Johnson also accompanied him and went to her home in Astoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rolfe had as week end guests Mr. and Mrs. George Wilde and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kelly of Portland to celebrate their daughter Sherie Lee's 3rd birthday anniversary Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Fields and daughter, Susan, returned home Friday from a vacation trip to California where they visited her sisters and families.

Stephen Bibby flew to Sacramento from Portland to visit his uncle Mike Bibby.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Stradley and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stradley and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Stradley and family of The Dalles and Col. and Mrs. R. D. Smith of Portland went to

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. Donald Martin, W.M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT For the year ended December 31, 1950 OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAVANNAH, in the State of Georgia made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

ADMITTED ASSETS	
Bonds	\$1,443,320.68
Stocks	731,644.90
Mortgage loans on real estate	222,974.28
Cash and bank deposits	764,194.50
Agent's balances or uncollected premiums	270,019.91
Interest, dividends and real estate income due & accrued	5,966.66
Other assets	40,763.12
Total admitted assets	\$3,479,984.14
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Losses	\$ 68,071.00
Loss adjustment expenses	6,907.10
Unearned premiums	1,505,052.71
All other liabilities	118,410.17
Total liabilities, except capital	\$1,698,340.98
Capital paid up \$ 500,000.00	
Special surplus funds	200,000.00
Unassigned funds (surplus)	1,079,643.16
Surplus as regards policies	\$1,779,643.16
Total	\$3,479,984.14
STATEMENT OF INCOME	
Premiums earned	\$1,481,633.13
Losses incurred	409,113.90
Loss expenses incurred	25,685.08
Other underwriting expenses incurred	652,904.54
Total underwriting	\$1,488,703.52
deductions	392,929.61
Net underwriting gain or loss	110,130.90
Investment income	20,619.25
Other income	
Total, before federal income taxes	\$ 523,680.26
Net income	\$ 523,680.26
Dividends to Stockholders	\$ 29,991.32
Guaranty fund interest	258,748.24
Dividends to policyholders	10,925.37
Capital changes (net)	
surplus affecting	50,000.00
Total capital and surplus items (net)	\$ 549,664.93
Increase in surplus as regards policyholders	174,075.53
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Net premiums received	\$ 39,671.81
Net losses paid	11,625.66

Parkdale Sunday where they enjoyed a picnic dinner at the home Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Carpenter. Bobby Stradley came home with his uncle and aunt for a visit.

Mrs. Steve Ketter and friends came Saturday from Tacoma to visit Mr. Ketter at the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ketter over the week end.

Mrs. Art Bibby and children,

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NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING Notice is hereby given that Eugene H. Spencer, Executor of the Estate of Howard M. Spencer, Deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Final Account, and the Court has set the 24th day of July, 1951 in the office of the County Clerk of Sherman County, Oregon, in the County Courthouse at Moro, Oregon, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., as the time and place for the settlement of said accounting and for hearing objections to the same, if any.

EUGENE H. SPENCER
Executor
J. Tracy Barton
The Dalles, Oregon
Attorney for the Estate 32-5c

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account as Administrator of the Estate of Mary E. Knox, deceased, and that Wednesday, July 11, 1951, at 10:00 A. M., of said day, at the court room 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 for the settlement of said estate.

Frank P. Knox
Administrator
T. Lester Johnson,
Attorney for Administrator 31-4c

Stephen and Janice moved back a while before returning home. Saturday June 9 from Portland where they had spent the school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble had as week end guests Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Walker and daughter, Judy, and Katherine MacLinn of Idaho. They stayed while Mr. and Mrs. Walker visited relatives in Portland and Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark of Kent went to Portland Wednesday on business. They were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young. They also attended the Ice Follies.

Mrs. Harold Owens and children and her mother, Mrs. W. D. Barnett went to Kent Friday afternoon and visited Mrs. Olan Stark and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer and A. F. Balzer went to The Dalles Friday where Mrs. Balzer went on to Portland and spent the week end on business and visiting her brother Harold Blagg and family. Clair and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Alberty met her in The Dalles Sunday.

William Brinkert went to Portland Tuesday to take his wife and infant son from the hospital to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrean for

Clair Adams went to Hood River Sunday and spent the day visiting his family at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allegre.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter and son, Wendell, went to The Dalles Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young and the twins, Patty and Tommy of Portland arrived Friday and spent the week end here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens and Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark at Kent while here.

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